



# UTAH DRIVER HANDBOOK

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## **DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES**

There are many services provided by the Driver License Division, including:

- Driver License and Driving Privilege Cards
- Photo Identification Cards
- Utah Driving Records
- License Denials, Suspensions and Revocations
- License Reinstatements
- Driver Review Exams
- Voter Registration
- Organ Donor Registration

## **DRIVER LICENSE HISTORY**

### **Interesting Facts about the Driver License Division**

- The Bureau of Driver License Services was created on January 1, 1934, when Utah officially adopted the “Uniform Operator’s and Chauffeurs’ License Act.” (Prior to this, the State of Utah had no driver license law.)
  - This act required that “every operator of a motor vehicle shall not drive any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person was licensed to do so”.
- Originally, the Bureau of Driver License Services was an agency within the State Tax Commission.
- The first license in Utah was issued on December 5, 1933. It cost 25¢ and was good until revoked. It was printed in blue on white paper.
- The application card was 6” x 3½” and only asked for name, address, brief description, a few questions and a signature.
- No examination was given until January 1935, when the eye test, knowledge test, and an occasional road test was given.
- The “good-until-revoked” licenses were issued until December 31, 1935.
- Beginning January 1, 1936, the law was changed to have the license expire three years after issuance (not on the birthdate.) The fee was still 25¢.
- One of the biggest changes came in 1951 when the Bureau of Driver License Services moved from the State Tax Commission and became an agency within the Department of Public Safety.
- In 1980, the state decided to reward “good drivers” by developing a system for the application to renew their license through the mail.
- The Division began issuing a commercial driver license in 1989.
- In January 2010, the Division and the Citizens of Utah started a 5-year process that required all Utah drivers to bring in their identification documents once again. This process was a beginning step to meet the Licensing practices for the Federal Real ID Act.
- January 2010, the Division suspended the Renewal By Mail Program.
- Since that time the Division now offers more online services including MVRs and appointments.
- February 13, 2013, the Division was notified by the Department of Homeland Security that Utah meets the Licensing practices of the Federal Real ID Act.
- April 2013, Driver License reinstated the Renewal By Mail Program and started offering a new service of Renewal By Internet.
- In May 2015, the Division began offering online CDL MVR services to authorized drivers and employers.

Did you know the Driver License Division is not part of the DMV?

Our friends at the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) can assist you at [dmv.utah.gov](http://dmv.utah.gov)

## **THE TOP FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH ON UTAH HIGHWAYS**

Speed Too Fast 43%  
Unrestrained Occupants 28%  
Failed to Keep in Proper Lane 20%  
Drunk Driving 18%  
Failed to Yield Right of Way 12%

## **THE TOP FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF CRASHES ON UTAH HIGHWAYS**

Following Too Closely 21%  
Failed to Yield Right of Way 18%  
Speed Too Fast 15%  
Failed to Keep in Proper Lane 12%  
Distracted Driving 11%

## **THE TOP FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH ON UTAH HIGHWAYS (TEENAGERS)**

Speed Too Fast 33%  
Failed to Keep in Proper Lane 23%  
Disregard Traffic Signal/Sign 17%  
Overcorrected 17%  
Failed to Yield, Driver Distraction 13%

## **THE TOP FIVE LEADING CAUSE OF CRASHES ON UTAH HIGHWAYS (TEENAGERS)**

Following Too Closely 21%  
Failed to Yield Right-of-Way 18%  
Speed Too Fast 11%  
Driver Distraction 11%  
Failed to Keep In Proper Lane 8%

Information based on 2014 statistics provided by the Utah Department of Public Safety's Highway Safety office. The percentages are for the top five causes. To see all causes for crashes and fatalities, please visit: [highwaysafety.utah.gov](http://highwaysafety.utah.gov)

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# SECTION 1

## YOUR DRIVER LICENSE

### This Section Covers

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- Persons Who May Not Have a Utah License
- Driver License Compact
- Obtaining a Driver License
- Driver Licenses (Certificates)
- Required License Tests
- Sample Test Questions

## ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This handbook condenses or paraphrases the actual language of the Utah Code. Officers of the courts are guided by the full text and exact language of the law, rather than the Utah Driver Handbook.

## DEFINITIONS

1. **Assumption of Financial Responsibility** – an adult signing for liability for civil damages caused by a minor when operating a motor vehicle.
2. **Bicycle** – a wheeled vehicle propelled by human power by feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks, with a seat or saddle and designed to be operated on the ground. Wheels are NOT less than 14 inches in diameter. Bicycle includes an electric assisted bicycle.
3. **Blind Spots** – the area of roadway that can't be seen with mirrors while operating a vehicle.
4. **Cancellation** – termination of a license issued through error, fraud, or upon application for a state issued license or ID card, or for which necessary consent has been withdrawn.
5. **Careless Driving** – a person operating a motor vehicle is guilty of careless driving if the person commits two or more moving traffic violations within a single continuous period of driving or commits a moving traffic violation while being distracted by one or more activities taking place within the vehicle that are not related to the operation of a motor vehicle, including searching for an item in the vehicle or attending to personal hygiene, or grooming.
6. **Commercial Driver License** – a license which allows the holder to drive a vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more, or designed to transport 16 or more passengers, hazardous materials, doubles/triples, bulk liquids (tankers), or school buses.
7. **Denied** – withdrawal of driving privilege pending compliance with a rule or request.

8. **Dependent** – a spouse and/or any unmarried children under the age of 21.
9. **Disqualification** – a temporary or permanent withdrawal of a commercial driver license.
10. **Division** – the Driver License Division of the Department of Public Safety.
11. **Driving Privilege Card** – the evidence of the privilege to drive a motor vehicle in Utah which was obtained **without** providing proof of lawful presence in the United States.
12. **Farm Tractor** – every self-propelled vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement of husbandry.
13. **Head Checks** – Checking your blind spot by turning your head and looking over your shoulder in the direction you plan on moving.
14. **Highway** – the entire width between property lines of every way or place as a matter of right for vehicular travel.
15. **License** – the privilege to drive a motor vehicle.
16. **License Certificate** – the evidence of the privilege to drive a motor vehicle.
17. **Limited-Term CDL** – the evidence of the privilege to drive a commercial motor vehicle which was obtained by providing proof of lawful presence in the United States.
18. **Limited-Term Driver License** – the evidence of the privilege to drive a motor vehicle which was obtained by providing proof of lawful presence in the United States.
19. **Limited-Term Identification Card** – an identification card issued to a person who provided proof of lawful presence in the United States.
20. **Low Speed Vehicle** – a four-wheeled electric motor vehicle designed to be operated at speeds of not more than 25 miles per hour and that has a capacity of not more than four passengers, including the driver. “Low Speed Vehicle” does not include a golf cart or off-highway vehicle.
21. **Motor Vehicle** – every self-propelled vehicle, except motorized wheelchairs, electric personal assistive mobility device and vehicles moved solely by human power.
22. **Motorcycle** – a motor vehicle, except farm tractors, having a saddle for the use of the rider, and designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.
23. **Mobility Vehicle** – a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability which meets the specifications outlined by the Division and can be operated on a public roadway, within appropriate restrictions and by an individual who holds a valid Mobility Vehicle Permit.
24. **Mobility Vehicle Permit** – a permit issued by the Division which grants authority and specifies the conditions for a person with a physical disability to drive a mobility vehicle on a public highway.

- 25. Operator** – a person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.
- 26. Pedestrian Vehicle** – any self-propelled conveyance designed, manufactured, and intended for the exclusive use of persons with a physical disability. The vehicle must not exceed 48 inches in width, have an engine in excess of 300 cubic centimeters (more than 12 brake horse power), or be capable of exceeding speeds of more than 30 m.p.h.
- 27. Personal Motorized Mobility Device** – a self-propelled device with two non-tandem wheels in contact with the ground, a system of steering and stopping the unit under typical operating conditions, a motor not exceeding one horse power of 750 watts, and a deck design for a person to stand while operating the device.
- 28. Private Passenger Carrier** – Any motor vehicle for hire that is designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver and operated to transport an employee of the person that hires the motor vehicle.
- 29. Provisional License** – a Utah license issued to any person under 21 years of age.
- 30. Regular CDL** – the evidence of the privilege to drive a commercial motor vehicle which was issued to a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. National, or a Legal Permanent Resident Alien.
- 31. Regular License Certificate** – the evidence of the privilege to drive a motor vehicle which was issued to a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. National, or a Legal Permanent Resident Alien.
- 32. Regular Identification Card** – an identification card issued to a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. National, or a Legal Permanent Resident Alien.
- 33. Revocation** – termination of the privilege to drive a motor vehicle.
- 34. School Bus** – commercial motor vehicle used to transport pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students to and from home and school, or to and from school-sponsored events.
- 35. Street-Legal All-Terrain** – means an all-terrain type I or utility type vehicle, modified to operate on highways.
- 36. Suspension** – temporary withdrawal of the privilege to drive.
- 37. Taxicab** – a Class D motor vehicle transporting any number of passengers for hire and which is subject to state or federal regulations as a taxi.
- 38. Vehicle** – a device by which any person or property may be transported upon a highway except devices used exclusively on stationary rails or tracks.

## LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

EVERY RESIDENT OF UTAH WHO DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE ON THE HIGHWAYS (ANY PUBLIC ROADWAY) MUST HAVE A VALID UTAH DRIVER LICENSE OR LEARNER PERMIT.

Persons become residents if they:

- Enter the state with intention of making Utah their home;
- Remain in the state for a period of six months or more during any calendar year;
- Obtain a driver license or register a motor vehicle in Utah;
- Obtain privileges not extended to nonresidents, including school tuition; or
- Are gainfully employed in Utah. This does not apply if you are on a temporary assignment in the state

## PERSONS WHO DO NOT NEED A UTAH LICENSE

### Non-resident Drivers

Non-residents licensed by another state or country may drive in Utah:

- If they are at least 16 years old.
- If they are temporarily assigned by an employer, religious or private organization, or governmental entity.

Visitors with a valid out-of-state or out-of-country license may drive in Utah for up to six months.

### Non-resident Military Service Personnel and Dependents

Non-resident military personnel (including dependents) who are temporarily assigned in Utah may drive if they have a valid out-of-state or out-of-country license.

## Other Exceptions

Persons are not required to get a driver license to drive road rollers, road machinery, or farm tractors on Utah highways if the person is driving the vehicle in conjunction with a construction or agricultural activity.

## PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE A UTAH LICENSE

The following list outlines conditions under which you may not be issued a Utah driver license:

- If you are under the required age of 16.
- If your driving privilege is denied, suspended, revoked, or disqualified.
- If you are unable to understand highway signs in the English language.
- If you are physically or mentally unable to drive safely.
- If you have **not** passed the required examinations.
- If you have a traffic citation or other warrant which has not been settled.
- If you are not a resident of the state.
- If you are under 18 years of age, and have not held a learner permit for six months.



## **DRIVER LICENSE COMPACT**

Utah is a member of both the **Driver License Compact (DLC)** and the **Non-Resident Violator Compact (NRVC)**. The DLC provides guidelines for greater cooperation among members in driver license matters. Among other things, member jurisdictions exchange driver records and forward convictions for traffic offenses to the driver's home state. Forty-five states, plus the District of Columbia (Washington D.C.), are members of the DLC.

States that are **NOT** members are • Georgia • Massachusetts • Wisconsin • Michigan • Tennessee

### **Non-Resident Violator Compact**

The NRVC provides for members to forward notices from their courts when an out-of-state driver has failed to comply with the terms of a traffic citation.

The driver's home state will suspend the driver's privilege to drive until it receives satisfactory evidence that the driver has complied with the terms of the citation in the member's state.

This Compact also facilitates release of out-of-state drivers who are cited by law enforcement, instead of incarcerating them or requiring posting of bond. Forty-four states, plus the District of Columbia (Washington D.C.), are members of the NRVC.

States that are **NOT** members are • Alaska • California • Michigan • Montana • Oregon • Wisconsin

## **OBTAINING A DRIVER LICENSE**

It is always unfortunate when people spend time and gas to come to one of our offices only to find out that they cannot be helped for some reason. Here are some hints to avoid having that happen to you:

- ✓ Double check that you have all the correct documentation before visiting a driver license office.
- ✓ All documents must be an original or a copy certified by the issuing agency. Faxed or photo copied documents will **NOT** be accepted.
- ✓ All documents are subject to department review and approval. Additional information may be required.
- ✓ Any name variation from your identity document must be accompanied by legal authorizing documentation identifying the updated information (marriage, divorce or court order.)
- ✓ In some cases, document approval may **not** occur in the same day and may require an additional visit.
- ✓ All documents provided to the Division will be imaged and stored in a secure database and will be returned to the applicant.
- ✓ Arrive early enough to be able to complete processing, including taking a knowledge test. More time may be required if you need to take a skills test. We cannot guarantee completion of required processing after closing time.
- ✓ Skills tests (including motorcycle skills tests) are given by appointment only. Skills tests will not be given when conditions exist that could create unsafe driving. Those conditions

include bad weather and vehicles that are not registered or are unsafe. E.g. broken windshields or no seat belts.

- ✓ Although you may pay for your license by check, credit card, or cash, there are a few things you should know. Checks must be made payable to the Department of Public Safety and must be in the correct amount. We cannot cash payroll or two-party checks. If your check is returned by the bank, you will be required to pay a \$20 service charge, if you wish to keep your driving privilege.
- ✓ All learners who wish to take a driving test must be accompanied by a licensed driver.

For additional information on documentation, please visit: [dld.utah.gov/required-documentation/](http://dld.utah.gov/required-documentation/)

Save time and schedule your appointment in advance. Visit [dld.utah.gov](http://dld.utah.gov) to schedule an appointment for your license.

## **DRIVER LICENSES (CERTIFICATES)**

Obtaining a Driver License certificate involves these simple steps:

- Completion certificate of driver training and completion of other “additional driving requirements” (see below), or have a “clear” license status from another state or country;
- Assumption of financial liability;
- Furnish acceptable proof of identity and legal/lawful presence in the United States;
- Furnish two acceptable forms as evidence of your Utah residence address;
- Furnish acceptable proof of your social security number, or proof of ineligibility to obtain a social security number as a result of their legal/lawful presence status;
- Payment of applicable fees;
- Completion of medical questionnaire and vision test;
- Completion of required knowledge/skills tests; and
- A photo.

## **REQUIRED LICENSE TESTS**

When you are ready to take the driver license examination, go to any full time Driver License Division office. See back page for office locations and their business hours or visit our website at [dld.utah.gov](http://dld.utah.gov)

**NOTE: Once an application is started at a Driver License Office all elements of that application must be completed at that office.**

### **Knowledge Test**

The knowledge test will include:

- **Road Signs** – you may be shown several common road signs and asked to identify what they mean.
- **Written Questions** – you will be asked to answer a number of written questions based upon information in this handbook including:

- Questions specific to the class of license you are applying for,
- Questions on safe driving practices,
- Questions regarding driving and traffic laws, and
- License sanctions.
- You are allowed to take two knowledge tests per day, providing the Division can facilitate the testing.

### **Traffic Safety and Trends Exam**

All first time license applicants will be required to pass an additional test and receive 100% to receive their first time Class D license. This test is offered on-line and may be taken as many times as necessary prior to licensing. Fifty percent (50%) of the questions will relate to major causes of traffic related deaths as identified in statistics published by the Highway Safety Office. [secure.utah.gov/dlexams/](https://secure.utah.gov/dlexams/)

### **Driving Skills (Road) Test**

You will be required to demonstrate your driving ability. You are required to provide the vehicle for the test. It must be properly registered and comply with vehicle safety laws, including functioning safety belts. The vehicle may be rejected if its condition could cause harm to the examiner's person or clothes. The license applicant and the examiner are the only occupants allowed in the vehicle during the skills test.

In addition to road rules and regulations, you will be evaluated on:

- The use of proper driving techniques;
- General behavior and attitude;
- Driving posture and proper use of lanes;
- Left and right turns;
- Starting and stopping;
- Parking on hills and between cars;
- Observance of traffic signs and signals, backing, U-turns and steering coordination;
- Attention at intersections; and
- Overall ability to operate the vehicle safely and appropriately.

**During the skills test, you will not be asked to do anything that is against the law.**

### **Third Party Testers**

Third party testers are available to administer skills tests to individuals who are applying for a Class D operator license.

Third party testers must be certified and licensed both as commercial driver education instructors and as commercial school testers in order to administer the skills test. A separate fee for testing will be required by the third party tester, which is not part of the licensing fees collected by the Division. For a current list of certified third party testers, please visit [dld.utah.gov](https://dld.utah.gov)

## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. Head check means to turn your head, look to the left or right checking for traffic which can't be seen in a mirror.  
True or False
2. You may keep your out-of-state license when applying for a Utah license.  
True or False
3. Third party testers are available to administer:
  - a. Knowledge tests
  - b. Driving Skills Tests
  - c. Both knowledge and driving skills tests.

Test answers

1. True 2. False 3. b

## SECTION 2

### DRIVER EDUCATION AND LEARNER PERMITS

#### This Section Covers

- Driver Education
- Learner Permits
- Learner Permit Holding Periods
- Sample Test Questions

### DRIVER EDUCATION

- All high school driver education courses in Utah are approved by the State Office of Education.
- All private/commercial driver education courses in Utah are approved by the Driver License Division.

#### Completion of Driver Education (Younger than 19)

Applicants younger than 19 years of age must complete an approved driver education course before being licensed in Utah.

Local school districts may allow a student to complete the classroom instruction portion of driver education in the public schools, through a home-study program, or electronic high school, and allow the student to complete the behind-the-wheel portion of driver education with a private provider. A student must also complete 40 hours of driving with a parent or legal guardian (10 of which must be during night hours).

#### Completion of Driver Education (19 Years of Age or Older)

Applicants 19 years of age or older who have never been licensed to drive a motor vehicle may be licensed without completing a driver education course if they hold a **Utah** learner permit for three (3) months and complete at least 40 hours of driving (ten hours of which must be during night time hours.) Any driver 19 years of age or older may complete an approved driver education course and waive the three (3) month learner's permit requirement. They still must complete 40 hours of driving time with ten night time hours.

#### Required Driver Education Hours

- 30 Hours of Utah Approved Online/Home Study;
- 27 Hours of High School Classroom Instruction;
- 18 Hours if it is a Commercial/Private School;
- 6 Hours of Behind the Wheel Instruction; and
- 6 Hours of Observation by a Licensed Instructor

## LEARNER PERMITS

All applicants applying for a learner permit must:

- Successfully pass the knowledge test;
- An eye examination; and
- Complete a safety assessment.

### One Year Learner Permit (First-time Permit)

The learner permit entitles you to drive a regular motor vehicle only if:

- The applicant has reached a minimum age of 15 years old;
- Has an approved driving instructor, parent, or legal guardian who is a licensed driver, occupying the seat beside the applicant; or
- The responsible adult who signed for financial responsibility, who is a licensed driver, occupying the seat beside the applicant;
- The learner permit must be in the applicant's immediate possession; and
- The permit is valid for one (1) year from date of issue.

### Six Month Learner Permits (Renewal Permits)

The learner permit entitles you to operate a regular motor vehicle only if:

- The applicant has reached a minimum age of 16;
- An approved driving instructor, parent, or legal guardian is occupying the seat beside the applicant; or
- The responsible adult who signed for financial responsibility, who is a licensed driver, is occupying the seat beside the applicant; or
- A person 21 years of age or older is occupying the seat beside the applicant;
- The applicant has completed a driver education course, held the learner permit for over 6 months (16 and 17 year old applicants) or held the learner permit for over 3 month (19 years and older applicants only); and
- The learner permit must be in the applicant's immediate possession.

## LEARNER PERMIT HOLDING PERIODS

Depending on an applicant's age a learner permit must be held for the following minimum time periods.

Age	Holding Period
16	6 months
17	6 months
18	No holding period but must complete driver education
19 +	3 months unless applicant completes an approved driver education class

If an applicant is 17 years of age or younger when they apply for their learner permit, they must hold a learner permit for six months before being able to apply for a Utah driver license. However, if the applicant turns 18 during the holding period, they may apply for their driver license upon turning 18. The applicant must have a learner permit before taking a driver education course. Completion of a driver education course is required to obtain your Utah driver license for anyone 18 years of age and younger.

Things to know:

- Drivers operating a vehicle on a learner permit may have passengers in the vehicle if accompanied by a licensed driver.
- The learner permit must be in the applicant's immediate possession while driving the vehicle.
- Applicants applying for a learner permit must meet all identity, residency and fee requirements in Section 3 of this book.

### **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. If you are 19 years of age or older and never had a license, you do not have to take a driver education course.  
True or False
2. If you are 17 years of age or younger you need to hold a learner permit for 9 months.  
True or False

Test answers

1. True 2. False

## SECTION 3

### LICENSE INFORMATION

#### This Section Covers

- License Types
- Utah's Classified License System
- License Endorsements and Restrictions
- Identity and Residency Requirements
- Out of State License
- Driver License Renewal, Duplicates, and Lapsed/Expired Licenses
- Utah's Good Driver Program – Extensions/Renewals by Internet
- Driving by Minors
- Driver License Fees
- Sample Test Questions

### LICENSE TYPES

#### Class D License

To obtain an original operator license, you must be at least 16 years old. If you are **younger** than age 19, you must have completed an approved driver education course or have proof of a license from another state or country. This license allows you to drive all personal vehicles (up to 26,000 pounds) with the exception of taxicabs. To drive a taxicab, you must have a taxicab endorsement.

#### Driving Privilege Card




A Driving Privilege Card may be issued to a person **without** providing evidence of lawful presence in the United States. The Driving Privilege Card **may be used for driving purposes only**; it is not valid identification or age verification. Driving Privilege Cards expire each year on the applicant's birthday. Except as provided by law, the same provisions, requirements, classes, endorsements, fees, restrictions, and sanctions apply to the Driving Privilege Card, as they apply to the driver license.

**NOTE: Utah State Law does not allow for the issuance of a temporary driving permit for a Driving Privilege Card. Therefore, no drive time will be permitted on a Driving Privilege Card until the plastic card is received.**



## UTAH'S CLASSIFIED LICENSE SYSTEM

The Division will examine each applicant according to the class of license applied for and may impose rules and restrictions necessary to insure the safety of the motoring public.

<p><b>CLASS A (CDL)</b></p> <p>Over 26,000 lbs. towed unit</p> <p>"S" Endorsement Available</p> <p>Intrastate Only restriction</p> 	<p><b>MIN. AGE</b></p> <p>21</p> <p>18-20</p>
<p><b>CLASS B (CDL)</b></p> <p>Over 26,000 lbs. single or comb vehicle</p> <p>Under 10,001 lbs. towed unit</p> <p>"S" Endorsement Available</p> <p>Intrastate Only restriction</p> 	<p><b>MIN. AGE</b></p> <p>21</p> <p>21</p> <p>18-20</p>
<p><b>CLASS C (CDL)</b></p> <p>Under 26,000 lbs. if used to transport:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 16 + occupants</li> <li>2. Placarded amounts hazardous materials</li> </ol> <p>"S" Endorsement available</p> 	<p><b>MIN. AGE</b></p> <p>21</p> <p>21</p>
<p><b>CLASS D</b></p> <p>All vehicles <b>not</b> defined as class A, B, C, or motorcycle</p> <p>Taxicab endorsement available</p>	<p><b>MIN. AGE</b></p> <p>16</p> <p>21</p>

## License Endorsements and Restrictions

### Endorsement Codes

H	Hazardous Materials
M	Motorcycles
N	Tankers
P	Passengers
S	School Bus
T	Doubles & Triple Trailers
X	Hazmat & Tankers
Z	Taxicab

### Restrictions

A	No restrictions
B	Driver must wear corrective lenses
C	Mechanical aid or compensatory device required while driving
D	Prosthetic aid must be used while driving
E	Restricts the driver from driving a commercial motor vehicle with a manual transmission
F	Restricted to driving a vehicle with outside rearview mirrors
G	Restricted to driving during daylight hours only
J	Restricts the driver for any other restrictions deemed necessary by the Division
K	Restricted to intrastate operation of commercial vehicles
L	Restricted to vehicles with no air brakes
M	Restricts driver from transporting passengers using a Class A bus
N	Restricts a driver from transporting passengers using a Class A or Class B bus
O	Restricts a driver from driving a commercial motor vehicle equipped with a tractor trailer
P	Restricts a CDL driver with a school bus or passenger endorsement from having passengers in commercial motor vehicle
U	Restricted to operating only three-wheeled motorcycles
V	Indicates that the driver has been issued a variance by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in reference to the driver's medical certification status
Z	Restricts a driver from driving a commercial motor vehicle with non-fully equipped air brakes
1	Driver required to having an ignition interlock device installed while operating a vehicle
2	Restricted to operating a motorcycle with 249 cc or less
3	Restricted to operating a motorcycle with 649 cc or less
4	Restricted to operating a street legal ATV
5	Restricted to operating a motorcycle with 90 cc or less
6	Restricted to operating a vehicle on roads with a posted speed limit of 40 mph or less
7	Restricts driver to operating a motor vehicle with an automatic transmission

## IDENTITY AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Every applicant will need to provide acceptable proof of their identity.

The legal/lawful status of an individual will determine what type of driving certificate or identification card the applicant is eligible to obtain.

U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, and Legal Permanent Resident Aliens are eligible to apply for a "regular" Utah driver license, "regular" CDL, or a "regular" identification card.

Applicants who have proof of legal/lawful presence in the United States are eligible to apply for a "limited-term" Utah driver license, "limited-term" CDL, or a "limited-term" identification card.

Applicants who do **not** meet the legal/lawful presence requirements to obtain a "regular" or "limited-term" driving license may be eligible to apply for a Driving Privilege card.

**NOTE: When changing a name, a legal document granting the name change must be furnished.**

**Examples are: government issued marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order.**

In order to protect an applicant's personal identity, the Division has adopted stringent guidelines related to the acceptance of identity documents. **Additionally, the Division seeks prosecution and sanctions against anyone submitting fraudulent documents or committing a fraudulent act in the application process.** The Division requires the best-documented evidence to establish credible identification of the applicant.

## REGULAR DRIVER LICENSE

### Acceptable Documents for a Regular Driving license or Identification Card

#### Identity and Legal/Lawful Status Verification (must provide one)

- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card; **or**
- Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with the State office of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's state of birth. **Small laminated birth certificates, photocopies, or hospital certificates will not be accepted; or**
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545; **or**
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card, Form I-551; **or**
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS, Form N-550 or Form N-570; **or**
- Certificate of Citizenship, Form N-560 or Form N-561, issued by DHS.

**AND**

#### Social Security Verification (must provide one)

- Social Security card issued by the U.S. government that has been signed; **or**
- If the Social Security card is not available, the applicant may present one of the following documents which contain the applicant's name and **full** SSN:
  - W-2 form;

- SSA-1099 form;
- Non SSA-1099 form;
- Pay stub showing the applicant's name and complete SSN

**AND**

**Utah Residency Address and Mailing Address Verification if different than current Utah Driver License record (must provide two)**

Must display the applicant's name and principal Utah residence address which may include:

- Bank statement (dated within 60 days);
- Court documents;
- Current mortgage or rental contract;
- Major credit card bill (dated within 60 days);
- Property tax notice (statement or receipt dated within one year);
- School transcript (dated within 90 days);
- Utility bill dated within 60 days;  
(Cell phone bills will **not** be accepted);
- Valid Utah vehicle registration or title;
- Other documents acceptable to the Division upon review, one of which may be a document printed from the internet.

**AND**

**Proof of Driving Experience required for first Utah license** (not required when obtaining a learner permit or an identification card)

- Evidence of completion of a course in driver training if under the age of 19;  
or
- Evidence of a driving privilege issued in another state or country.

**LIMITED-TERM DRIVER LICENSE**

**Acceptable Documents for a Limited-term driving certificate or identification card/Identity and Legal/Lawful Status Verification (must provide one)**

- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by DHS, Form I-766 or Form I-688B; verified by the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements system (SAVE); **or**
- Unexpired foreign passport with documentary evidence of the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States verified through SAVE;

**AND**

**A document issued by the U.S. Federal Government that provides proof of one of the statuses listed below verifying lawful entrance into the United States of America:**

- Unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States issued by the U.S. Federal Government;
- Pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
- Admission into the United States as a refugee;
- Pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- Approved deferred action status;

- Pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident or conditional resident;  
**or**
- Conditional Permanent Resident Alien.

**AND**

**Social Security Verification (must provide one)**

- Social Security card issued by the U.S. government that has been signed; **or**
- If the Social Security card is not available, the applicant may present one of the following documents which contain the applicant's name and full SSN:
  - W-2 form;
  - SSA-1099 form;
  - Non SSA-1099 form;
  - Pay stub showing the applicant's name and complete SSN; **or**
  - Letter from the Social Security Administration indicating ineligibility to receive a Social Security number.

**AND**

**Utah Residency Address and Mailing Address Verification if different than current Utah Driver License record (must provide two).**

Must display the applicant's name and principal Utah residence address which may include:

- Bank statement (dated within 60 days);
  - Court documents;
  - Current mortgage or rental contract;
  - Major credit card bill (dated within 60 days);
  - Property tax notice (statement or receipt dated within one year);
  - School transcript (dated within 90 days);
  - Utility bill dated within 60 days;
- (Cell phone bills will **not** be accepted);
- Valid Utah vehicle registration or title;
  - Other documents acceptable to the Division upon review, one of which may be a document printed from the internet.

**AND**

**Proof of Driving Experience required for first Utah license** (not required when obtaining a learner permit)

- Evidence of completion of a course in driver training if under the age of 19; **or**
- Evidence of a driving privilege issued in another state or country.

**DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARD**

**Acceptable Documents for a Driving Privilege Card**

- Identity Verification
- Foreign birth certificate or foreign passport including a certified translation if the document is not in English.

**AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING**

Church records, court records, driver license, employee ID, insurance ID card, Matricular Consular Card (issued in Utah), Mexican Voter Registration card, school records, Utah DPC, other evidence considered acceptable by the Division Director or designee.

**AND**

**Social Security Verification OR Individual Tax Identification Number** (must provide one)

- Social Security card issued by the U.S. government that has been signed; **or**  
If the Social Security card is **NOT** available, the applicant may present one of the following documents which contain the applicant's name and full Social Security Number:
- W-2 form;
- SSA-1099;
- Non SSA-1099;
- Pay stub showing the applicant's name and complete SSN; **or**
- Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS);

**Or**

- Document or letter from the IRS verifying the ITIN.

**AND**

**Utah Residency Address and Mailing Address Verification if different than current Utah Driver License record (must provide two).**

Must display the applicant's name and principal Utah residence address which may include:

- Bank statement (dated within 60 days);
  - Court documents;
  - Current mortgage or rental contract;
  - Major credit card bill (dated within 60 days);
  - Property tax notice (statement or receipt dated within one year);
  - School transcript (dated within 90 days);
  - Utility bill dated within 60 days;
- (Cell phone bills will **not** be accepted);
- Valid Utah vehicle registration or title;
  - Other documents acceptable to the Division upon review, one of which may be a document printed from the internet.

**AND**

Fingerprint card and photo (additional fee required)

- Must be obtained and placed in a sealed envelope at the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) or a participating law enforcement agency. Required only once for renewal **or** original application on or after July 1, 2011.

**AND**

**Proof of Driving Experience required for first Utah license** (not required when obtaining a learner permit)

- Evidence of completion of a course in driver training if under the age of 19; or
- Evidence of a driving privilege issued in another state or country.

### **Social Security Number**

Utah law requires a valid Social Security Number or proof of ineligibility to obtain a social security number as a result of their legal/lawful presence status to obtain a driver license or an Identification Card. The Division considers the Social Security Card as the best evidence for applicants **for a first-time or original Utah Driver License or Identification Card.**

The Social Security number is not displayed on the driver license. The Social Security Administration may provide an applicant a duplicate card if the original card is lost or destroyed.

**NOTE:** If the Social Security Card is not available the Division may also accept a **W-2 form**, a **SSA-1099 form**, a **Non SSA-1099 form**, or a **pay stub with the applicant's name and complete Social Security number.**

### **Residence Address Verification**

Utah law requires an applicant for a driver license or identification card to verify that they reside in Utah. This can be done by providing two (2) different types of documents which can demonstrate the applicant's residence address.

### **Name Changes**

**When changing a name, a legal document granting the name change must be furnished.**

E.g. government issued marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order.

## OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE

### Original License

Out-of-state drivers who have not been licensed in the State of Utah, first time drivers, and drivers that change from one license type classification to another will be issued an original license. The license will expire on the applicant's birthday five (5) years after issue.

**NOTE: YOUR OUT-OF-STATE DRIVER LICENSE MUST BE SURRENDERED UPON APPLICATION FOR A UTAH DRIVER LICENSE.**

Visitors with a valid out-of-state or out-of-country license in their possession may drive in Utah for up to six months.

**Drivers with Out-of-State learner permits may NOT drive in Utah.**

## DRIVER LICENSE RENEWAL, DUPLICATE AND LAPSED/EXPIRED LICENSES

### Renewal License

You may apply for a renewal of your license up to six (6) months prior to the expiration of the license. After paying fees and passing the required tests, you will be issued a new license **that will expire in five (5) years on driver's birthday.**

Military personnel, and dependents who reside with them who had a valid Utah license at the time of entry into the service may continue to use that license up to 90 days after discharge or termination of orders (this provision applies only to members and their dependents who are stationed/residing outside of Utah.)

A civilian employee of the United States Department of Defense or State Department and their dependents working outside of the United States may continue to use their Utah driver license up to 90 days after the assignment has been terminated or changed.

For additional information, please visit us at [dld.utah.gov](http://dld.utah.gov)

### Duplicate License

If you lose your license you may return to a field office and apply for a duplicate and pay the applicable fee. DPC holders must present proof of their Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) or Social Security Number and Limited Term licenses must present acceptable proof of Legal Lawful presence documents. In addition, an eye test must be passed and a new photograph taken. The expiration date of a duplicate license will be the same date as the license it replaces.

All drivers wishing to change their address must provide two approved forms of address change verification to receive the duplicate and pay the applicable fee.

### Lapsed/Expired License

Drivers who let their licenses expire must apply for a new license. Those individuals should be prepared to complete all phases of the examination process, including both the knowledge and skills tests.



## UTAH'S GOOD DRIVER PROGRAM - EXTENSIONS/RENEWALS BY INTERNET

If you have NOT received more than four tickets for moving violations, no convictions for reckless driving, any suspensions, revocations, or disqualifications in the past five (5) years, and your license status is currently valid, you are eligible for Utah's Good Driver Program. If the Division has record of your current address, you will receive an extension (renewal) notice by mail approximately 90 days prior to your birthday.

### Address Change

If you have a change of address, you are required by law to notify the Division of the new address and your license number to a Driver License office within **TEN DAYS**. This may be done by mail, online, or in person at any field office. When appearing at a field office, you must provide two (2) acceptable proof of residency verification. This is very important; the post office will not forward mail from the Driver License Division. If you would like your new address on your driver license, you will need to purchase a duplicate license.

### Motorcycle Endorsement

To operate a motorcycle on Utah highways, your driver license must have a motorcycle endorsement. The requirements for this endorsement are the same as for obtaining an operator license except that the tests are different. If you have not been licensed to operate a motorcycle previously, you may be issued a motorcycle learner permit, if necessary. **For further information on the motorcycle learner permit see the Motorcycle Operator Manual.** The Division may waive the skills portion of the test upon successful completion of a Division-approved motorcycle education course. (Contact any Driver License office or call 801-964-4493 or 1-800-532-7691 for details.) **Any motorcycle operator or passenger who is under 18 years of age must wear approved DOT helmet.** Also, all motorcycles licensed for street use must have liability insurance coverage. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for motorcycle applicants under 18 years of age.

### Utah Photo Identification Card

Only a Utah resident may obtain a Utah Photo Identification Card. Please review the requirements to obtain a photo identification card on page 3-4.

Utah law provides that an individual may NOT have both a Utah driving certificate and a Utah Photo Identification card.

## DRIVING BY MINORS – YOUTHFUL DRIVER RESTRICTIONS

Age	Night time Restriction	Exception to Night time Driving Restrictions	Front Seat Passenger Restrictions W/ Learner	Other Passenger Restrictions	Exceptions To Other Passenger Restrictions
15	None	n/a	If you have a learner permit: *Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, *Driving instructor or *Adult who co-signed the permit application	If you have a learner permit: no restrictions.	n/a
16	12 a.m.- 5a.m.	*Accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age in the front seat *On agricultural assignment *Driving to and from work *Driving to and from a school-sponsored activity *Emergency situations	If you have a learner permit: Front seat passenger must be a *Parent/guardian, *Driving instructor or *Adult who co-signed the permit application	If you have a learner permit: None If you have a license: Only immediate family members, until 6 months after receiving a full license	*Front seat passenger is a licensed driver 21 years of age *On agricultural assignment *Emergency situations
17	None	n/a	If you have a learner permit: Front seat passenger must be a *Parent/guardian, *Driving instructor or *Adult who co-signed the permit application	If you have a learner permit: None If you have a license: Only immediate family members, until 6 months after receiving a full license	*Front seat passenger is a licensed driver 21 years of age *On agricultural assignment *Emergency situations
18	None	n/a	Front seat passenger must be a licensed driver at least 21 years of age	None	n/a
19 +	None	n/a	Front seat passenger must be a licensed driver at least 21 years of age	None	n/a

- No exceptions are permitted for the passenger restrictions.

<b>DRIVER LICENSE FEES</b>	
<b>As of 7/01/08 (Non-Refundable)</b>	
<b>Original Utah license (under 21)</b>	\$30.00
<b>Original Utah license (over 21)</b>	\$25.00
<b>Learners permit application fee</b>	\$15.00
<b>Taxicab endorsement</b>	\$7.00
<b>Renewal of license</b>	\$25.00
<b>Renewal of license (65 years and older)</b>	\$13.00
<b>Renewal of license by internet</b>	\$20.00
<b>Renewal of license by internet (65 years and older)</b>	\$11.00
<b>Duplicate license</b>	\$18.00
<b>Utah identification Card</b>	\$18.00
<b>Commercial Driver License</b>	
<b>Knowledge test</b>	\$40.00
<b>Skills (driving) test</b>	\$60.00
<b>Endorsements</b>	
<b>Taxicab, tanker, hazardous materials, passengers, school bus, DBL/TPL, hazmat &amp; tanker</b>	\$7.00
<b>Motorcycle</b>	\$9.50
<b>Reinstatement fee after revocation</b>	
<b>(in addition to other required fees)</b>	\$30.00
<b>Reinstatement fee – alcohol/drug related</b>	\$65.00
<b>Alcohol/drug administrative fee</b>	\$170.00
<b>Check collection fee</b>	\$20.00
<b>Failure to appear for a driving skills test</b>	\$25.00

**Note:** Fees are subject to change

## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. A Utah driver licenses will expire after \_\_\_\_ years.
  - a. Three
  - b. Four
  - c. Five
2. You may renew your driver license \_\_\_\_ months before it expires.
  - a. Four
  - b. Five
  - c. Six

Test answers

1. c 2. c

## SECTION 4

### READY TO DRIVE

#### This Section Covers

- **Fatigue**
- **Staying Awake/No Drowsy Driving**
- **Driver Distractions**
- **Aggressive Driving**
- **Sample Test Questions**

Driving is one of the most dangerous things that most people will ever do. It is very important to be in good health when you drive. You will need to make good choices when you drive. Here are ways to be a safer driver.

### FATIGUE

When you are physically or mentally tired, that is called fatigue. It can be caused by physical or mental strain, illness or lack of sleep. Fatigue can make you see less clearly. Fatigue can also make your mind and body slow down. When your mind and body slow down, you cannot do things as quickly. You may not stop as fast as you need to if a car suddenly stops in front of you. Do not drive if you are tired. You do not want to fall asleep while you are driving.

Before you take a trip do the following:

- Get enough sleep — most people need 7 to 9 hours of sleep to stay awake during the day;
- Plan to stop about every 2 hours during long trips to take a break from driving;
- Have another person go with you to watch your driving;
- Check the labels on your medicine. Some medicine will make you sleepy;
- Do not drink alcohol and drive; and
- Do not take other drugs when you drive.

Ways to avoid fatigue:

- If you start to feel tired, stop driving. Pull off at an exit or rest area and take a nap or find a place to sleep for the night;
- Do not drive late at night; and
- Driving is hard mental work. You will have a much better trip if you are rested and ready.

**The best way to avoid fatigue is to get plenty of rest.**

### STAYING AWAKE/NO DROWSY DRIVING

When you are tired, your ability to drive is affected. You will probably not be able to make decisions as quickly, the time it takes for you to react will be increased and you may become upset more easily. You may even fall asleep at the wheel. The following are some tips that may help you drive more safely at night:

- Get a good night's sleep before you start a trip at least seven (7) to nine (9) hours;

- Do not take any medications that can make you sleepy. Medications taken the night before a trip can remain in your body and cause you to be less alert the next day;
- Do not drive for long hours or distances - 300 to 400 miles a day is plenty. The time you save is not worth the risk of driving when your reaction time is slower and your power of concentration is less;
- Try not to drive late at night. Your body is probably used to going to sleep at that time and your reaction time will become slower. Travel at times you are normally awake;
- Take rest breaks regularly, even if you don't feel tired. Let someone else drive part of the time. Stop every 100 miles or every two hours of driving;
- Plan for stops in cities where you may stay for the night; and
- Shift your eyes from one part of the road to another. Try to enjoy the scenery without neglecting your driving. Look at objects near and far, left and right.

Some warning signs you may experience that signify drowsiness while driving are:

- You can't remember the last few miles driven;
- You hit a rumble strip or drift from your lane;
- You keep pulling your vehicle back into the lane;
- Your thoughts are wandering and disconnected;
- You yawn repeatedly;
- You have difficulty focusing or keeping your eyes open and your head up;
- You tailgate or miss traffic signs; or
- You have narrowly missed crashing

**NOTE: If you feel tired the best decision is to find a safe place to stop and get some sleep for at least twenty (20) minutes, no matter the time of day.**

## DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

A distraction is anything that takes your mind or body away from driving. Distractions can cause crashes, injuries and deaths. Not looking at the road or taking your hands off the steering wheel is dangerous. Anything that takes your mind away from driving is a hazard.

Try to prevent distractions before driving by turning off cell phones, setting navigation systems, eating and grooming before you leave, and securing all loose items.

When driving:

- Do not talk on the phone and do not text;
  - Don't argue with passengers;
  - Do not eat while driving;
  - Be sure children are safely buckled up;
  - Keep pets in a pet carrier, not loose in the vehicle; and
  - Eliminate things that take your mind away from driving.
- It is your responsibility to drive your vehicle safely.



### **Handheld Wireless Communication Devices**

A person may not use a handheld wireless communication device while operating a moving motor vehicle on a highway in this state to manually:

- Write, send, or read a written communication, including:
- A text message;
- An instant message;
- Electronic mail;
- Dial a phone number;
- Access the internet;
- View or record a video; or
- Enter data into a handheld wireless communication device.

What you may do with a handheld wireless communication device:

- Use the GPS function;
- Talk on the phone using your handheld wireless device while driving (as long as you only use voice commands to connect to a call) and older than 18 years of age;
- Use your phone during an emergency;
- When reporting a safety hazard;
- When reporting criminal activity; or
- When using hands free and voice activated technology.

Note: a driver who is under the age of 18 may only use a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle:

- During a medical emergency;
- When reporting a safety hazard or requesting assistance relating to a safety hazard;
- When reporting a criminal activity or requesting assistance relating to a criminal activity;
- When communicating with a parent or legal guardian.

A person convicted of a violation is guilty of a Class “C” misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$100 or a Class “B” misdemeanor if they inflict bodily injury or has a previous violation for this offense. Officers may pull a driver over if they observe a driver texting, etc.

### **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING**

Aggressive driving is dangerous. Aggressive driving includes: speeding, following too close, unsafe lane changes, not signaling when you turn, and not obeying traffic controls (stop signs, yield signs, traffic signals, rail crossing signals, etc.)

Aggressive driving can harm you and others.

Don’t get angry when other drivers make mistakes or act rude. Be patient and courteous to others.

## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. When driving on long trips, you should plan on stopping every two hours and take a break.  
True or False
2. Listening to the radio is a good way to help you stay awake when driving at night.  
True or False
3. You may talk on the phone while driving if you are older than 18 years of age.  
True or False

### Test answers

1. True 2. False 3. True

## SECTION 5

### BEFORE YOU DRIVE

#### This Section Covers

- Adjusting Your Seat
- Adjusting Your Mirrors
- Seat Belts and Car Seats
- Keeping Children Safe
- Air Bags
- Sample Test Questions

### ADJUSTING YOUR SEAT

- Sit straight up with your back against the seat and feet on the floor;
- Adjust your seat and mirrors so you can see clearly;
- You should be able to reach the foot pedals;
- You should be able to reach the steering wheel while leaving space for the airbag to open in a crash;
- You should be able to move your foot easily from the brake to the gas pedal and keep your heel on the floor;
- The top of the steering wheel should be no higher than your shoulders. It should be below chin level;
- Ideally leave 10 inches between your chest and the steering wheel. Do not lean the seat back; and
- Your head rest should contact the back of your head above the level of your ears.

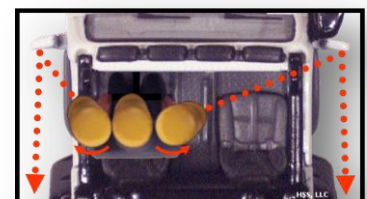
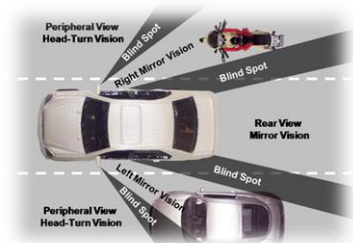


### ADJUSTING YOUR MIRRORS

Adjust the inside mirror so that it frames the rear window. If you have a day/night mirror, make sure it is set for the time of day you are driving.

Adjust outside mirrors to give maximum view to the side and rear. How to adjust your outside mirrors:

- To set the left side mirror, rest your head against the closed left window. Set the mirror so you can barely see the rear left edge of your vehicle.
- To set the right side mirror, lean to the right so your head is directly below the rearview mirror. Set the mirror so that you can barely see the right side of your vehicle.





## SEAT BELTS AND CAR SEATS

Always fasten your safety belt. Everyone in your vehicle must have a fastened safety belt or child seat. Safety belts reduce injuries and deaths in crashes. They keep you from being thrown from the vehicle. They help you keep control of your vehicle. In Utah it is against the law to drive or to ride in the vehicle without wearing a safety belt.

To wear the safety belt correctly:

- Wear the shoulder harness across your shoulder and chest. It should be snug. The shoulder harness should **not** be under your arm or behind your back. This can cause internal injuries in a crash.
- Fasten the lap belt snug and low across your hips. This helps keep you from sliding out of the belt in a crash.



Motor vehicle crashes continue to be a major cause of death and injury to individuals in Utah.

### Seat Belt Facts

- Buckle Up, It's the Law. All passengers must wear seat belts and children younger than 8 years of age must be properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat.
- Your chances of being killed are 23 times greater if you are thrown from a car. Ejection from the vehicle is one of the most serious events that can happen in a crash. Seat belts help keep you in the car.
- 70% of crashes occur at speeds under 40 mph. A seat belt should be worn at any speed, regardless of how slow you are moving.
- In a crash, the forces exerted on your body equal your weight multiplied by the speed of the car. For example, if you weigh 150 pounds and crash while traveling 30 mph, there would be 4,500 pounds of force on your body. There is no way you can brace yourself against that much force.
- Three out of four crashes resulting in death are within 25 miles of home. Not using a seat belt because you are just going to the store is a poor excuse - and dangerous.
- Less than half of one percent of all injury producing collisions involves fire or submersion. If fire or submersion does occur, a seat belt may keep you from being injured or knocked unconscious, thus increasing your chances to escape.
- Drivers wearing seat belts have more control over their vehicles in emergency situations and are more likely to avoid a crash.
- In Utah, approximately two out of three motor vehicle deaths would not happen if seat belts were worn.



## SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS

- Remember, seat belts save lives. If you or anyone in your vehicle isn't properly restrained, you can be issued a \$45 citation.
  - The first time you are pulled over you may be issued a warning.
  - The second or subsequent violations can result in a citation.
- The fine may be waived upon completion of an online, 30-minute seat belt safety course.
- You may be stopped and cited if anyone under 19 years old is unrestrained.
- Occupants of the vehicle 19 years and older may be cited for a seat belt violation if stopped for some other reason.

For proper seat belt and car seat usage, visit [clickitutah.org](http://clickitutah.org)

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Make sure child safety seats are used correctly. All children age 8 and under must be in the back seat. Never place a rear-facing child safety seat in front of an active passenger air bag.

### Child Car Seat Facts

Approximately 500 Utah children under the age of five are injured and as many as 10 are killed each year in motor vehicle crashes.

In an effort to increase child safety in motor vehicles, laws have been enacted which require certain actions by all drivers in Utah. The laws provide that:

- Children under age EIGHT (8) must be properly restrained in an approved car seat or booster seat.
- The driver is responsible for the protection of each person of EIGHT (8) years of age up to 16 years of age by using an appropriate child restraint device or a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.
- Authorized emergency vehicles, mopeds, motorcycles, school buses, and vehicles not equipped with seat belts by the manufacturer are exempt from this law.
- Child car seats must be crash tested in order to be approved for use. Check the labels on your child's car seat to be sure it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

**NOTE: A child who is under EIGHT (8) years of age and is 57 inches tall or taller is exempt from the requirement to be in a child restraint device and shall use a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.**

## Child Car Seat Basics

The information in this section provides recommendations on the safe transportation of child passengers and may not be required by law. For details on the law, please visit [clickitutah.org](http://clickitutah.org)

### Rear Facing

Until at least 2 years of age and 30 pounds, or longer if the car seat allows.



### Forward Facing (with harness)

Until at least four years of age and 40 pounds, or longer if the car seat allows.



### Booster

From approximately four years and 40 pounds until the seat belt fits correctly and until the child is 4'9."



### Adult Seat Belt

- Age 8 or older and at least 4'9" tall.
- Lap and shoulder belts lay across upper thighs and chest; knees bend at seat edge.
- All children younger than 13 years should ride in the back seat.
- Never put shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back.
- Always buckle up to stay safe and set a good example.
- Find a child passenger safety technician at [clickitutah.org](http://clickitutah.org)



### Protection of Children from Cigarette Smoke

It is an infraction to be stopped for smoking in a vehicle while transporting children 15 years of age or younger.

## AIR BAGS

Air bags work! They save lives. But air bags are designed to work with seat belts, not replace them. They do their job best when everyone is buckled and children are properly restrained in the back seat.

An air bag is not a soft, billowy pillow. To do its important job, an air bag comes out of the dashboard at up to 200 mph - faster than the blink of an eye. The force of an air bag can hurt those who are too close to it. Drivers can entirely eliminate any danger to children from a deploying air bag by placing children properly restrained in the back seat. With or without an air bag, the back seat is the safest seat for children to ride.

**NOTE: It is a “Class B” misdemeanor if you remove, fail to have repaired, or modify your vehicle’s air bag passive restraint system with the intention of rendering the air bag inoperable.**

Air bag related injuries can be prevented by following these critical safety points:

- Children 12 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat.
- Infants should NEVER ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag.
- Small children should ride in a rear seat in child car seats approved for their age and size.
- Everyone should buckle up with both lap AND shoulder belts on every trip.
- Driver and front seat passengers should be moved as far back as practical.
- If a child must ride in a seating position with an air bag, move the vehicle seat as far back as possible and ensure they are properly secured in an appropriate child car seat. Many vehicles also have the option of turning off the air bag when a child is present.

Find more information at [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov)

### **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. Children ten years of age must be properly restrained in a car seat.  
True or False
2. It is an infraction to smoke with passengers in the car younger than \_\_\_\_\_ years of age.
  - a. 15
  - b. 16
  - c. 17
3. An air bag operates at a speed of up to 200 mph or at a blink of an eye.  
True or False

Test answers

1. False 2. a 3. True

## SECTION 6

### GETTING STARTED

#### This Section Covers

- Starting the Engine
- Moving Forward
- Stopping
- Steering
- Hand Position
- Backing
- Signaling
- Speed
- Sample Test Questions

#### STARTING THE ENGINE

Check your owner's manual for how to start the vehicle. Be sure the vehicle is in "P" (park), or the clutch is engaged if operating a vehicle with manual gears. To start the engine, apply the brake, turn the ignition on and check the lights and gauges (fuel level, ABS, air bags, etc.) Turn the ignition switch to start, turn on the low beam headlights and lock the doors.



#### MOVING FORWARD

Know your vehicle, put the vehicle in gear. Check ahead and check for traffic to the sides and behind. Signal, and then gradually accelerate. The top of your foot should be on the gas pedal with your heel on the floor.

#### STOPPING

Check your mirrors for traffic to the rear. Move your foot to the brake pedal. Press steadily until your vehicle comes to a stop.

#### STEERING

Always turn the steering wheel in the direction you want to go. This works whether you are going forward or in reverse.

#### HAND POSITION

Place your hands on the steering wheel; grip the steering wheel firmly but gently. Use your fingers, not the palms of your hands. Keep your thumbs up along the face of the steering wheel. Never hold the inside of the wheel.

### **Pull-Push Steering**

- Use pull-push steering when turning;
- Pull down with one hand and push up with the other. This results in smooth steering and reduces the potential for over steering, which can lead to loss of control; and
- Keep your hands and thumbs on the outside of the wheel.

### **Hand-Over-Hand Steering**

- Use hand-over-hand steering when steering is critical, such as when:
- Parking;
- Performing sharp right turns; or
- Correcting a skid.

Use quick movements when starting a turn, and then use slow, smooth movements when straightening the wheel.

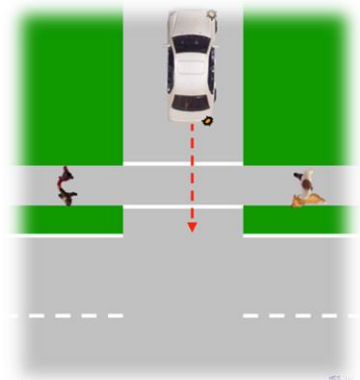
### **One-Hand Steering**

- It is always best to keep two hands on the steering wheel. However, when performing some maneuvers it is okay to use one-hand steering:
- When backing your vehicle, or
- When operating vehicle controls.

## **BACKING**

To safely back up:

- Check behind the vehicle before you get in. You cannot see children or small objects from the driver's seat;
- Start the vehicle;
- Apply the brake and shift to reverse;
- Grasp the steering wheel with your left hand;
- Put your right arm on the back of the seat and look through the rear window. Your mirrors do not show the area right behind your vehicle; and
- Back slowly. It is hard to steer while backing. Steer in the direction you want the rear of the vehicle to move. If turning while backing, make quick checks to the front and sides. Keep looking to the rear until you are stopped. Do not back up on a freeway or interstate;
- Keep your vehicle on the right-hand side of the road and do not back unnecessarily long distances.

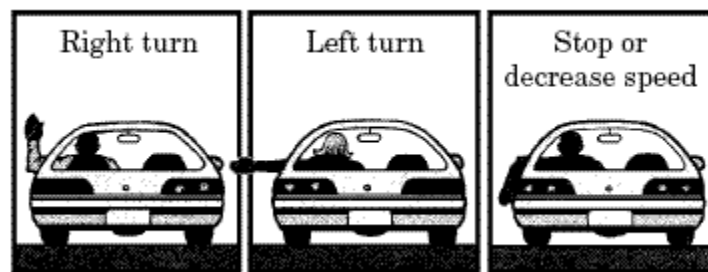


## SIGNALING

**Signals shall be given by the use of turn signals, stoplights, or your hand and arm. Good drivers always signal their intentions well in advance. Signals are required:**

- For two seconds before turning;
- For two seconds before beginning any lane change;
- Any time you pull away from a curb;
- When you intend to slow down or stop. Your brake lights will accomplish this if they are operating properly and can readily be seen; and
- In addition, most cars have an emergency flasher system for use when your car is disabled on the highway. Use it!

### Hand Signals for Stops and Turns



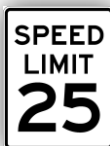
## SPEED

In Utah, there is the “Basic Speed Law” which states that you may never drive faster than is reasonably safe. However, when there is no sign, and where no special hazards exist, the following speeds are permitted:



### 20 miles per hour

- When passing a school building or grounds during school recess.
- While children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours or when flashing lights are operating.



### 25 miles per hour

- In any business or residential area.



### 55 miles per hour

- On major highways, as posted.



**65/70/75/80 miles per hour** – On rural interstate highways. Because “rural” interstate is defined by census boundaries, it may be confusing to know:

- Which areas are 65 mph
- Which areas are 70 mph
- Which areas are 75 mph
- Which areas are 80 mph

Remember, only when posted on interstate highways is 65, 70, 75, or 80 mph allowed. The transition zones in Utah are indicated with pavement markings and additional signs.

In addition to the above speed limits, there are times when the law requires that you slow down. Some of those times include:

- When highway is marked - Always be aware of road markings;
- When approaching and crossing an intersection or railroad crossing;
- When approaching and going around a curve;
- When approaching the top of a hill;
- When traveling upon any narrow or winding road;
- When special hazards such as people walking beside the road, heavy traffic, or dangerous road conditions exist;
- During poor weather conditions. Driving on an icy road at 10 miles per hour or driving on an open highway on a rainy night at 25 miles per hour may be too fast;
- Any time when you cannot see clearly;
- In any highway work zones where construction, maintenance, or utility work is being done; and
- When approaching any authorized vehicle which is flashing red, red and white, or red and blue lights.

On the other hand, **do not drive so slowly that you become a source of danger on the road.** Traffic officers are allowed to issue you a citation if you are impeding the normal flow of traffic.



## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. You should signal anytime:
  - a. You pull away from a curb
  - b. For two seconds before making a turn
  - c. Both of the above
2. For best steering control you should use the push – pull method.  
True or False
3. On a vehicle with an automatic transmission, the transmission must be in (P) Park for the vehicle to start.  
True or False

## **Test answers**

1. c. 2. True 3. True

## SECTION 7

### RULES OF THE ROAD

#### This Section Covers

- Yielding Right-of-Way
- Traffic Controls
- Pavement Markings
- Other Lane Controls
- HOV/Express Pay
- Sample Test Questions

### YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY

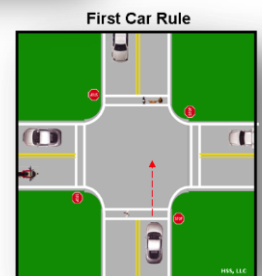
Right-of-way rules tell you and other drivers what to do. These rules say who has right-of-way when two or more streets come together. They also cover other situations.

Never think that you have the right-of-way. Always look at the situation and think about your own safety.

Yield the right-of-way to:

- A driver who is at the intersection before you;
- Drivers in the opposite lane when you are making a left turn;
- The driver on your right at a four-way stop, if both of you arrive at the same time;
- Drivers on a public road if you are coming from a driveway or a private road;
- Drivers already on an interstate highway if you are on the entrance ramp; and
- Pedestrians, bicyclists, and others that are still in the intersection.

**Remember, courtesy is the key.**



### TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Traffic controls include traffic signals, signs and road markings. They also include directions from law enforcement, highway workers and school crossing guards.

#### Traffic Signals

Traffic lights are usually at intersections. They are red, yellow and green from top to bottom. If traffic lights are horizontal, the red light is on the left, the yellow light is in the middle and the green light is on the right. Some locations have single green, yellow or red lights.

**GREEN Traffic Light** – you may go through with caution if the way is clear.

**Green Arrow Light** - vehicles may proceed only in the direction of the arrow after yielding to vehicles and pedestrians still in the intersection at the time of the light change.

**YELLOW Traffic Light** – the light is about to change to red.

**Flashing YELLOW Traffic Light** – slow down and proceed with caution. Be prepared to stop for any traffic.

**Flashing YELLOW Arrow** – turns are permitted, but first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Oncoming traffic has a green light. Proceed with caution.

**RED Traffic Light** – you must stop before entering the intersection. You must wait behind the stop line, crosswalk, or intersection until the light turns green you may make a right turn on a red light after coming to a **FULL AND COMPLETE STOP**, unless posted otherwise.

**Flashing RED Traffic Light** – stop and look both ways before entering the intersection.

**Red Arrow Light (Right turn)** - right turns are prohibited. Stop and remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown.

**Red Arrow Light (Left turn)** – left turns are prohibited. Stop and remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown. If for some reason the light does not change, and you have been stranded by the Red Arrow Light (left turn), and it is safe to do so, you may make a left turn from a one-way street onto a one-way street.

### Traffic Signs

Traffic signs tell you about rules, hazards and road locations. They also give highway directions and show where road services are.

### Special Situations at Traffic Lights

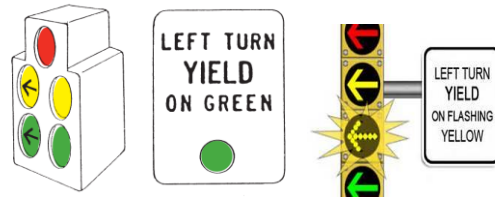
Regardless of what the traffic lights may indicate, always obey the instructions of a police or other peace officer at an intersection. For example, if the light is green and an officer tells you to stop, **YOU MUST STOP**. Also, even if you want to go straight and an officer indicates that you must turn, **you are required to turn**.

If you approach an intersection where the traffic lights are not working, you must first **COME TO A COMPLETE STOP** before entering the intersection and yield the right-of-way to any vehicle on the right unless otherwise directed by a peace officer.



## Protected/Permitted Signals

A driver turning left may see either the green arrow (protected), or the solid green light (permitted), or a flashing yellow arrow (permitted) signal.



## Warning Signs

These signs warn of danger ahead. They are usually diamond shaped and yellow with black lettering or symbols. Some common signs:



Intersection Ahead



Side Road Ahead



T-Intersection Ahead



No Passing Zone



Curvy Road Ahead



Right Curve



Divided Highway Begins



Divided Highway Ends



Lane Ends



Merging Traffic



Added Lane



Traffic Signal Ahead



Stop Sign Ahead



Sharp Curve Ahead



Advisory Speed Around Curve



School Crossing



Pedestrian Crossing



Share the Road with Bicycles



Bicycle Crossing



Slippery When Wet

## Railroad Crossings

Most railroad crossings have signs or signals. Some common signs:

- A round yellow warning sign with an "X" symbol and black "RR." The sign cautions you to slow down, look and listen for a train or railroad vehicle. Be prepared to stop.
- A white, X-shaped sign with "Railroad Crossing." If a train or railroad vehicle is coming you must stop behind the stop line or before the intersection.
- At crossings with more than one track, the number of tracks may be posted. Not all crossings with more than one track have these signs. Always look for more than one track, train, or railroad vehicle at each crossing.



When crossing railroad tracks, look both ways and cross the tracks quickly. Do not stop on the railroad tracks. If a train is crossing, wait until the train is well down the track before you drive ahead. If there are lights and gates, wait until they show it is safe to cross. If you must stop for traffic or a signal, wait at the stop line before the tracks.

## Work Zone Signs

Are diamond or rectangular and orange with black letters or symbols. These signs warn you of work zones and people working on or near the road. The warnings include; workers ahead, reduced speed, detours, slow moving road machinery or surface changes.



Flagger Ahead



Workers Ahead



Road Construction Ahead



One Lane Road Ahead

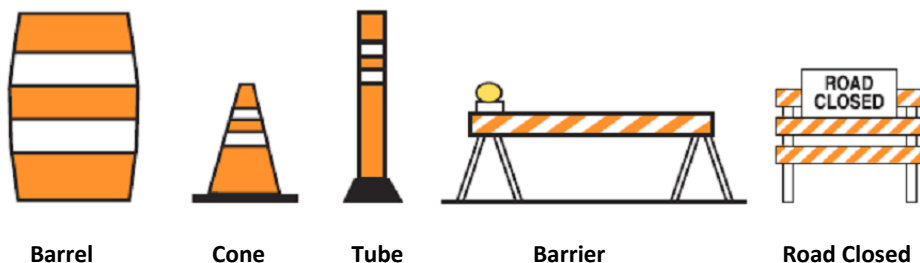


Detour

A flagger may direct traffic in a work zone. You must do as the flagger directs.



Barriers keep you from entering closed roads or other areas where there is danger. If there is a short-term traffic signal, stop at the white line (if there is one.)



Slowdown in work zones and be ready to stop quickly. Do not tailgate. **[Fines for speeding in a work zone are doubled.]**

### Regulatory Signs

These signs are square, rectangular, or may have a special shape. They are white with black, red or green letters or symbols. These signs tell you about traffic direction, lane use, turning, speed, parking and other special situations. Some signs have a red circle with a red slash across the symbol. This means you cannot do certain things.

Common regulatory signs are:



No Left Turn



No Right Turn



No U-Turn



Straight



Left Turn Only



Straight or Turn Right



**Speed Limit Signs** – these black and white signs indicate the legal speed if conditions are perfect.



**Stop Sign** – a stop sign has eight sides and is red with white letters. You must stop behind the crosswalk or stop line if there is one. If there is no stop line stop behind the stop sign. Look for vehicles and pedestrians and yield the right-of-way.



**Yield Sign** – a yield sign is a red and white down-pointing triangle with red letters. You must slow down and yield to traffic that has the right-of-way.



**Shared Center Lane Left Turn Only** – this sign marks a lane that is only for left turning vehicles. It is not for through traffic or for passing other vehicles.



**One-Way Street** – traffic moves only in the direction of the arrow. Do not turn in the opposite direction of the arrow. Never drive the wrong way on a one-way street.

### Guide Signs

These signs are square or rectangular and are green, brown, or blue. They advise you of intersecting roads. They help direct you to cities and towns. They mark points of interest. They can also help you find hospitals, service stations, restaurants and hotels.



**NOTE: Vandalism and destruction of road signs cost taxpayers thousands of dollars each year and cause confusion and unsafe conditions for you and other travelers.**

### Route Number Signs

The shape and color of route number signs indicate the type of roadway: interstate, U.S., state, city, county, or local road. When planning a trip, use a map to determine the route. During the trip, follow the route signs to prevent from getting lost in an unfamiliar area.



Interstate Route



U.S. Route

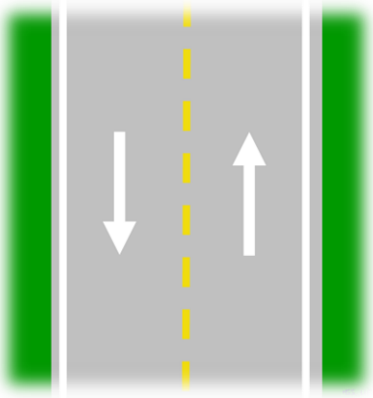


State Route

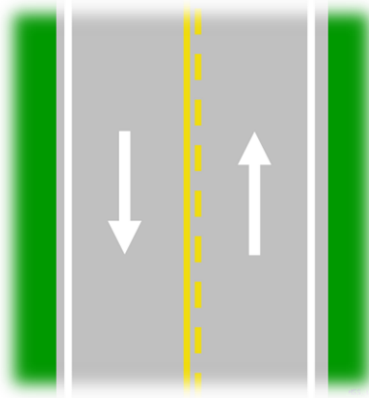
## PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Marks painted on the road give you directions or warnings. They divide lanes and show where you may pass other vehicles or change lanes. They also mark turn lanes and cross walks. They show where to stop for signs or traffic signals.

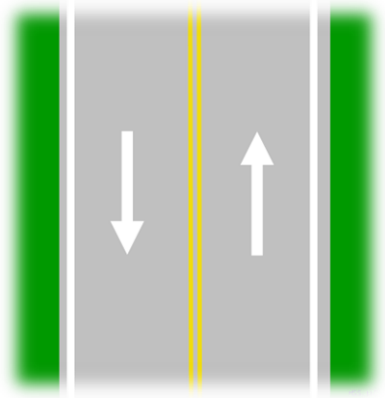
### Yellow Lane Markings



Two direction roadway,  
passing permitted

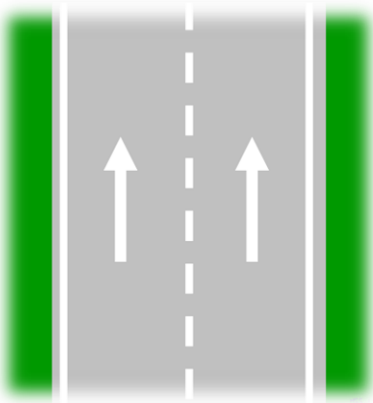


Two direction roadway,  
passing permitted when  
dashed line is on your side



Two direction roadway,  
passing prohibited in both  
directions

### White Lane Markings



One direction roadway,  
passing permitted

### Crosswalks and Stop Lines

Crosswalks show where pedestrians may cross the road. At a stop sign or signal, you must stop behind the stop line or crosswalk. If crosswalks are not marked, then you must stop before the intersection or stop sign. If there is a stop line before the crosswalk, you must stop at the stop line. You must yield to pedestrians entering or in a crosswalk, even if it is not marked.



Here are common crosswalk markings.

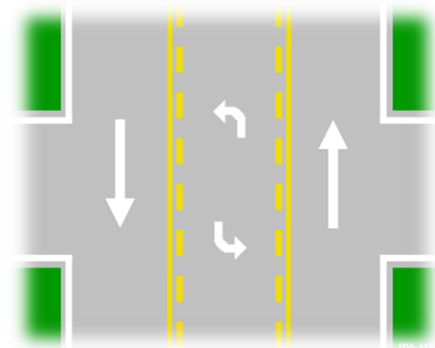


## OTHER LANE CONTROLS

### Shared Center Left Turn Lane

On many streets where it is hard to make a left turn safely, there is a shared left turn lane located in the middle of the roadway. When using a shared left turn lane check your mirrors and for vehicles ahead, signal left and check your left blind spot. Steer smoothly into the shared left turn lane, when traffic is clear, make your left turn.

When making a left turn from a shared left turn lane, you may not enter the lane more than 500 feet prior to making the turn unless the last car is more than 500 feet from the intersection.



### Utah's Express Lane/High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane (HOV) or Carpool Lane

The Express Lanes are marked with two eight-inch white lines separated by eight inches of space, offering a two-foot buffer zone between the Express Lanes and the General Purpose lanes. When traveling in the HOV lane all traffic signs and rules must be obeyed.

### Carpool Lane

Motorcycles, buses, vehicles with clean fuel license plates, or vehicles with two or more occupants may travel in the carpool lane **without** a monthly fee.

## Express Pass

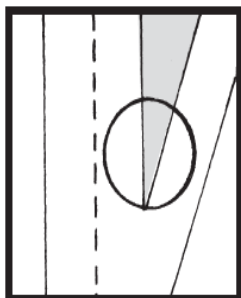
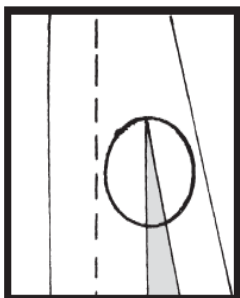
Solo drivers will be allowed to use the carpool lanes with the Express Pass transponder on a pay-per-use basis. Signs along the Express Lane post the current fee per zone. Fees vary from \$.25 to \$1.00 per zone. For more information on Utah's Express Lanes, please go to [ExpressLanes.Utah.gov](http://ExpressLanes.Utah.gov)

It is illegal to cross a double white line. Moving in and out of the carpool lane is not allowed except in specific locations (called access points) that have white dotted striping rather than the solid lines. Access points are about 3,000 feet in length and located at nearly every interchange along the Express Lanes. It is recommended that vehicles exit the Express Lanes one interchange before desired exit.

## MERGING AND GORE AREA

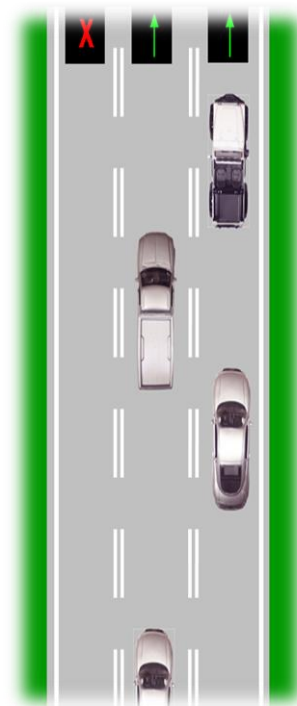
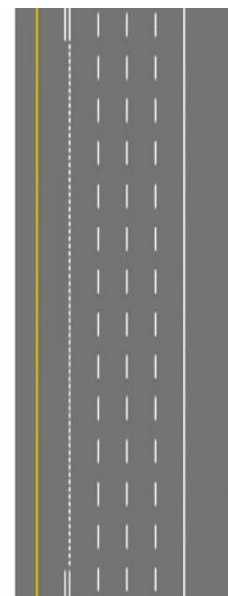
If you are merging into a lane of traffic, you must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles traveling the continuing lane of traffic and which are close enough to be an immediate threat. It is against the law to cross over or to drive in the "gore area."

The gore area is between the white solid lines of a lane of traffic and a lane used to either enter or exit from that traffic lane. The gore area can also appear when two highways merge or split. **Do not cross over the solid white line**

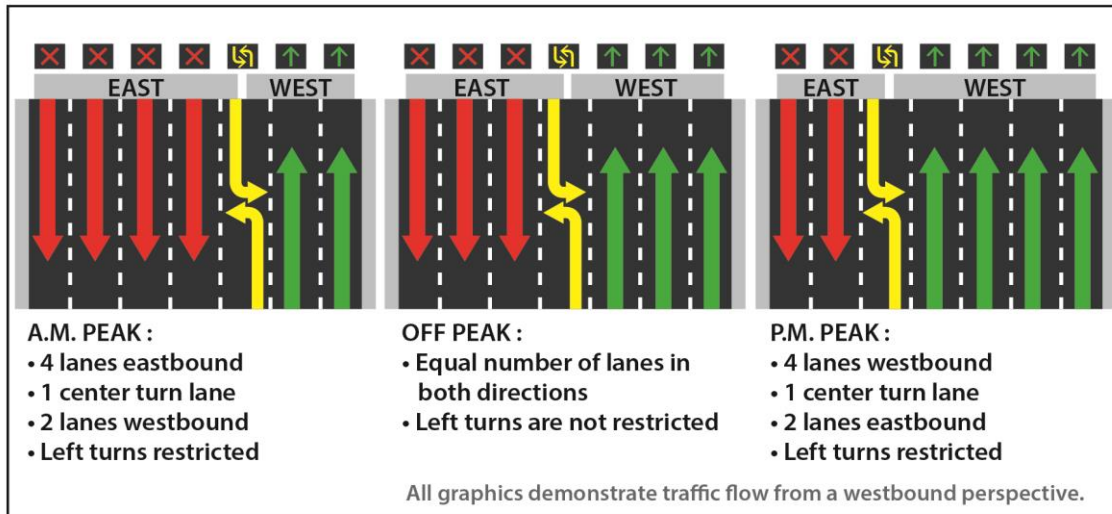


## Flex Lanes

A flex lane may be used during rush hours. The lanes may have double dashed yellow lines to either side. Signals above the lanes show which lane is safe to travel. Some travel lanes are designed to carry traffic in one direction at certain times and in the opposite direction at other times. Before entering the lane, check to see which lanes can be used at that time. A green arrow means you can use the lane. A red X means you cannot use the lane.



## FLEX LANES



### SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. Traffic Control includes
  - a. Signals
  - b. Road Markers
  - c. Both of the above
2. Courtesy is the key when yielding right of way.  
True or False
3. A flagger may direct traffic in a work zone. You must obey the flagger.  
True or False

Test answers

1. c 2.True 3.True

## SECTION 8

### GENERAL DRIVING

#### This Section Covers

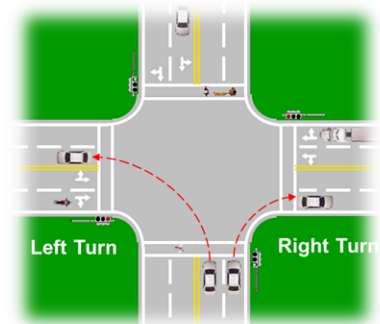
- Turning
- Intersections
- Traffic Roundabouts
- Changing Lanes
- Entering a Multi-Lane Highway and Exiting a Roadway
- Passing
- Rules for School Buses
- Parking
- Parking On a Hill
- Two and Three Point Turns
- U-Turns
- Sample Test Questions

## TURNING

**Every turn requires the necessary signal for two seconds and a head check.**

When turning:

- Check for traffic controls, pedestrians and other vehicles. Signal your turn for at least two seconds;
- Signal and safely move into the proper lane well in advance of your turn. If you cannot get into the proper lane at least 100 feet before your turn, do not turn;
- Look as far as you can through the turn; and
- Accelerate smoothly, cancel your turn signal and check to the rear.



Right turns:

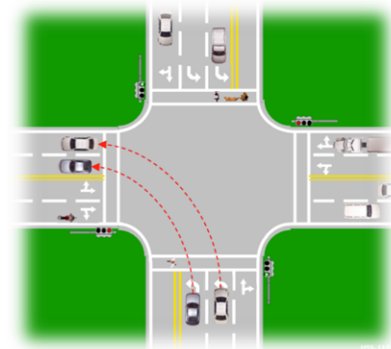
- Signal right for two seconds;
- Do not swing wide to the left before a right turn; and
- Always turn right from the right side of your lane.

Left turns:

- Signal left for two seconds;
- Yield to oncoming traffic; and
- Always turn left from the left side of your lane.

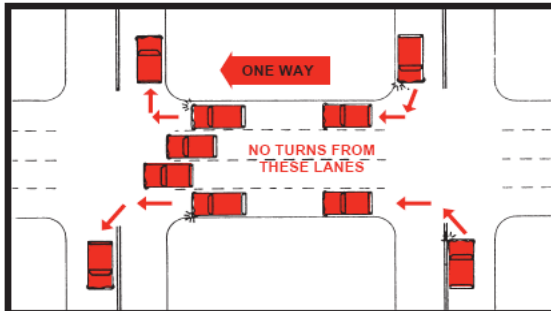
Multiple lanes:

- Enter the same lane from which you are turning; and
- Stay in that lane until the turn is finished.



### Turn from a Two-way Street onto a One-way Street and From a One-way Street onto a Two-way Street

You may turn left onto a one-way street from a one-way street on a red light after first coming to a complete stop.



(Remember, a person may not operate a vehicle over, across, or within any part of an island).

## INTERSECTIONS

At all intersections slow down and search for:

- Traffic controls;
- Oncoming traffic and cross traffic;
- Pedestrians and bicyclists;
- The road condition; and
- Objects that block your view.

Do not rely on others to obey traffic signals or signs. They may not yield the right of way. Be prepared to avoid a crash.

Before moving after a stop, check for traffic and bicyclists. Look left, then right, then left again before you enter the intersection. When a light turns green, make sure your path of travel is clear and there is no cross traffic.

Never think that another driver will give you any extra space. Do not turn into a lane just because an oncoming vehicle has a turn signal on. The driver may plan to turn after they pass you or they may have forgotten to turn their signal off.

## TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUTS

A traffic roundabout is a circular intersection. Roundabouts were created in an effort to reduce the number of points where conflict can occur between vehicles and other vehicles or pedestrians. A roundabout has 12 potential points of conflict compared to 56 potential points of conflict at a regular "4-leg" intersection. A typical roundabout has a mountable curb around the outside of the center island to accommodate big trucks and semis as necessary. Vehicles travel counterclockwise around a raised center island. Entering traffic yields the right-of-way to traffic in the circle. When using traffic circles:

- Slow down to enter the circle. This sign warns you that there is a traffic circle ahead;
- Yield to the traffic and pedestrians in the circle;
- Enter a traffic circle to the right; and
- Signal your exit for two seconds.





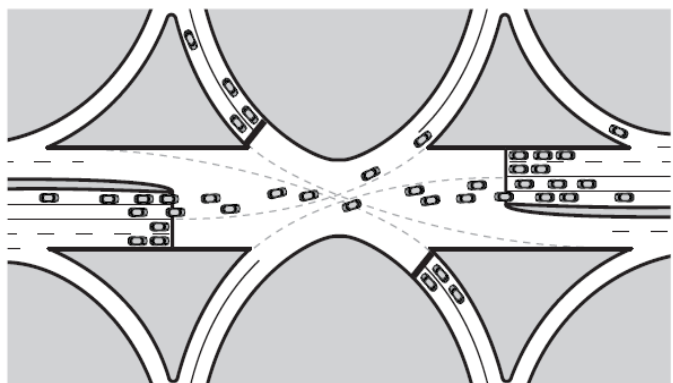
### Single Point Urban Interchange

Single point urban interchanges are becoming more common in the construction of freeway interchanges today. It is a type of interchange that is located either above or underneath the freeway and is designed in such a way that the intersecting off-ramps and on-ramps are diagonally adjacent to each other.

These interchanges can be confusing. However, there are some things that may help drivers when passing through a single point urban interchange. Dash lines have been added to these interchanges in an effort to guide drivers into the proper lanes. There are also “wrong way” signs placed on the off-ramps and on-ramps to help drivers avoid entering a ramp against traffic.

It is legal to make a U-turn from the off-ramp at a single point urban interchange and re-enter the freeway, as long as you are facing a green arrow at the time you begin the maneuver. When you re-enter the freeway on the on-ramp, you will be facing a red arrow. The red arrow is intended for the traffic adjacent to the light. Do not stop your vehicle in the middle of the intersection; complete the maneuver once it is initiated.

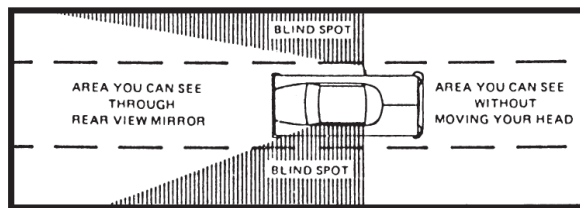
If a power outage occurs, the single point urban interchange **is not** handled the same way as a four-way stop. It is important to proceed with extreme caution and courtesy. Most single point urban interchanges will be supported by battery back-up. However, if a situation occurs where there is not a battery back-up, an officer will be dispatched to the scene for the purpose of traffic control as soon as possible.



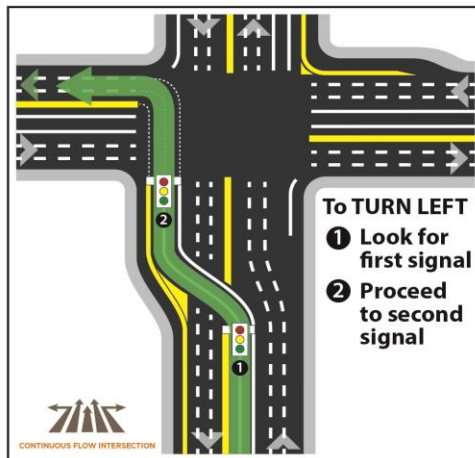
## CHANGING LANES

When changing lanes:

- Check your mirrors;
- Check your “blind spot” by turning your head and looking over your shoulder in the direction you plan to move. Blind spots are areas around your vehicle like headrests and door pillars that block your vision. Blind spots are also areas that are not covered by your mirrors; and
- Drive defensively by making sure your lane change can be completed safely. Be aware of the movements of all vehicles around you;
- Whenever possible, maintain your speed when changing lanes. A driver who frequently speeds up or slows down creates a dangerous situation for all drivers on the road;
- Find a gap in traffic, signal, and then look again before changing lanes. Adjust speed and move into the lane. Cancel your turn signal.



## Continuous Flow Intersection Two Legs

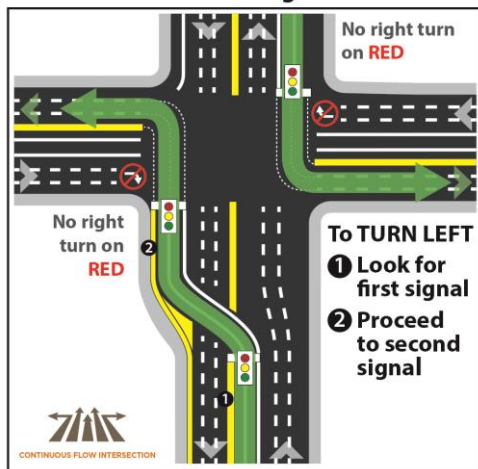


**Making a left turn in a CFI:** Watch for signs and a signal directing you to turn on the left-hand side of the road. Observe the first traffic signal direction, and proceed when green by crossing the oncoming lanes of traffic. Observe the direction of the second signal, which will be on the far left of the intersection, and proceed when green by making your left-hand turn at the intersection.

**Traveling through a CFI:** Proceed as you normally would but watch for another light just past the intersection. It's possible to encounter a red light here which allows left turning cars to cross in front of you.



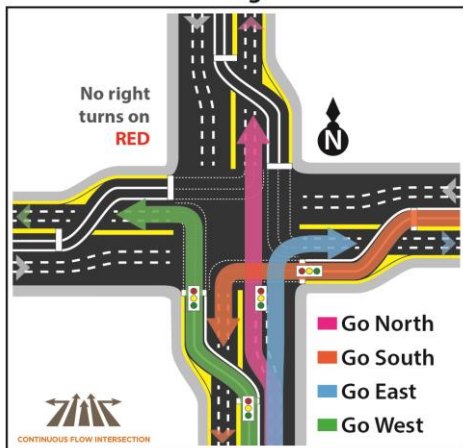
## Continuous Flow Intersection No Free Rights



**Making right turns in a CFI:** Be sure to yield to traffic, cyclists, and pedestrians. Make your turn, merge with traffic and keep going.

In most intersections, motorists have free-right turn access or are allowed to make a right-hand turn on a red light after stopping and yielding to oncoming traffic, free right turns during a red light are restricted in this type of CFI, along with a traditional right-on-red. Motorists should watch for traffic control signs to know when right turns are or are not permitted.

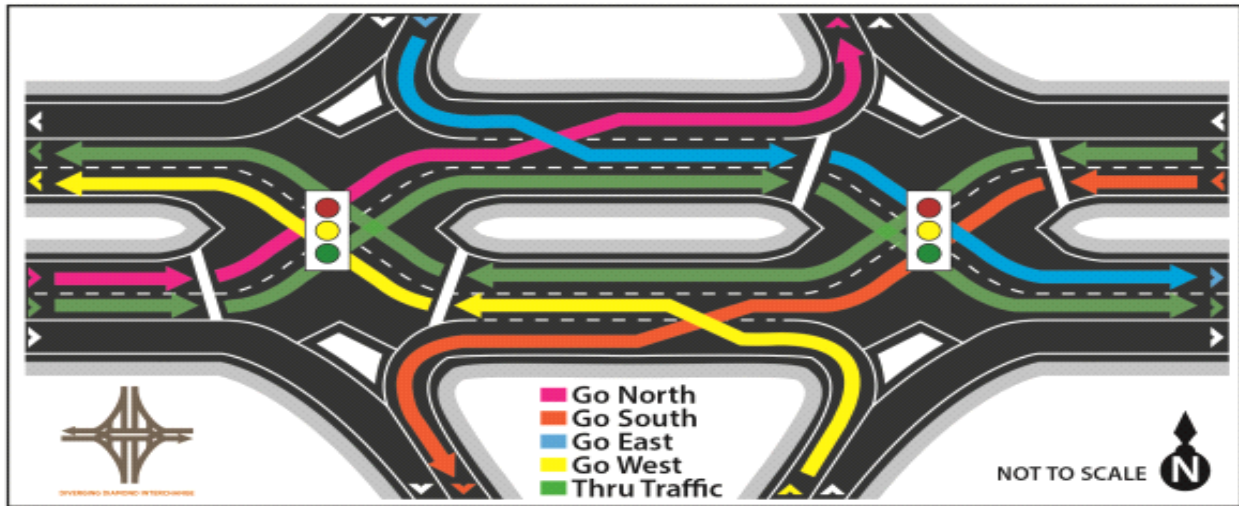
## Continuous Flow Intersection 4 Legs



**A four-legged CFI** functions as a regular CFI configuration, but with each leg of the intersection operating with displaced left turns instead of only two legs of the intersection. Follow all directions as with a typical CFI on all four legs.



## DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERSECTION

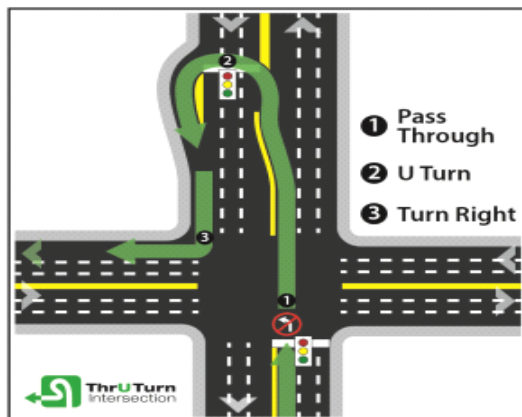


**Diverging Diamond Interchange**, or DDI, is a special type of highway interchange in which two directions of traffic on the non-freeway road, cross to the opposite side of the bridge over or under the freeway. It requires traffic on the freeway overpass (or underpass) to briefly drive on the opposite side of the road from what they are accustomed. By eliminating many of the left-turn conflicts at the ramps, this improves interchange efficiency.

To view the UDOT Diverging Diamond Interchange Animation, visit the UDOT YouTube Channel at:

[youtube.com/UtahDOT](https://youtube.com/UtahDOT)

## ThrU-TURN Intersection

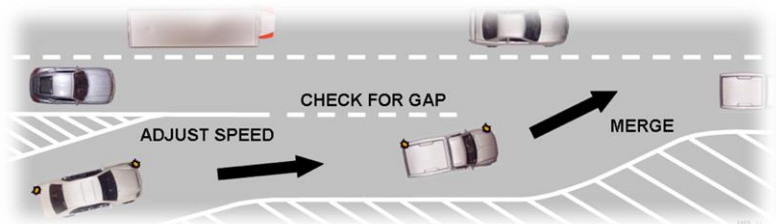


A **ThrU-Turn Intersection** helps alleviate traffic congestion and improve traffic flow by eliminating left turn movements at the intersection. Motorists instead travel through the intersection, make a signalized U-turn at a location removed from the intersection and come back to the intersection, where they will make a right turn.

## ENTERING A MULTI-LANE HIGHWAY

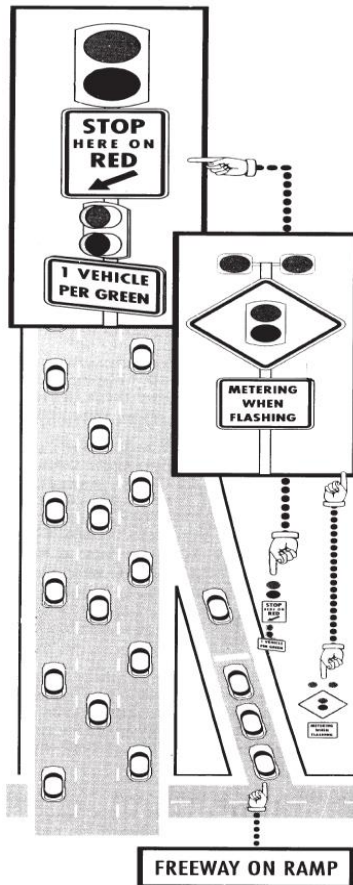
When on a multi-lane highway you should:

- Use the acceleration lane to match your speed with other vehicles before pulling onto the roadway;
- Find a gap in traffic and merge with the traffic; and
- Cancel your turn signal.



## RAMP METERS

**WHY?** The population growth in Utah has resulted in an increase in the number of vehicles using our freeways. The result has been more frequent congestion and unpredictable travel times on our freeways. Ramp meters help prevent slowdowns and “stop-and-go” conditions that freeway travelers frequently encounter at certain times of the day. There are currently some ramp meters along the Wasatch Front.



**What are Ramp Meters?** Ramp meters look almost like traffic signals you see at intersections, except they have only red and green lights. Ramp meters are placed on freeway on-ramps and allow only one (unless posted differently) vehicle to pass each time the green light comes on.

**How Does Ramp Metering Help?** Ramp metering occurs only when many vehicles are attempting to enter the freeway. A lighted “METER ON” sign at the entrance to an on-ramp will indicate when ramp metering is in effect. If the “METER ON” sign is not illuminated, drivers are allowed to enter the freeway as usual. Because the “METER ON” sign is at the entrance to a freeway on-ramp, drivers will be able to decide whether to enter the on-ramp or take an alternate route and avoid having to stop for the ramp meter.

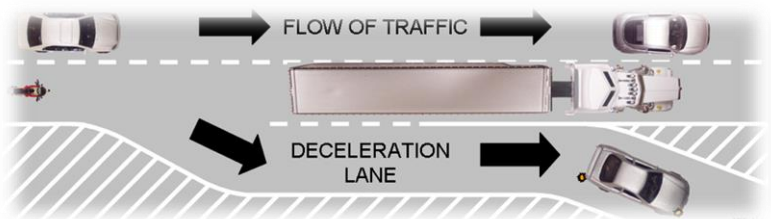
The ramp meter alternates between red and green every few seconds, allowing one vehicle (unless posted differently) to enter the freeway for each green light. If the line of vehicles waiting to enter the freeway gets too long, the ramp meter will automatically allow vehicles to enter the freeway more frequently.

**What are the Benefits?** Waiting on the on-ramp may take a few extra minutes, but that wait will usually pay off when you enter the freeway and find that traffic is moving quicker and smoother through areas where you previously experienced “stop-and-go” driving because of the number of vehicles trying to enter the freeway at the same time. If you travel only 3 to 5 miles on the freeway, it is possible that taking surface streets rather than the freeway will actually take less time, even if you do have to stop at some intersections.

## EXITING A ROADWAY

When exiting a road way you should:

- Plan ahead to make a safe exit;
- Move to the exit lane early to avoid having to make a quick lane change;



- Keep a steady speed as long as you are on the main road;
- Signal, move to the exit or deceleration lane and slow to exit speed;
- Check for a posted speed in the exit or deceleration lane; and
- Cancel your signal.

## **FREEWAY DRIVING**

A freeway gets us where we are going faster and safer than ever before. However, freeway driving is a skill in itself. People drive faster and conditions are not the same as in normal driving.

We suggest some **“DO NOTS”** for freeway driving:

- Do Not Tailgate - You must remain at a proper following distance and allow enough space in front of your vehicle to let any other vehicle safely enter and occupy that space. You should always remain at least two (2) seconds in following distance behind the vehicle ahead of you. Under adverse conditions, the time needs to be increased.
- Do Not Make U-Turns on the Freeway - It is illegal.
- Do Not Drive in the Emergency Lane - The area of the freeway on the outside of the solid white line is for emergency use only. It is illegal to pass another vehicle or to stop to pick up passengers in this lane.
- Do Not Drive So Slowly That You Block Traffic - Slow driving is not always safe driving. If your speed is so slow that cars are piling up behind your car, you are unsafe, discourteous, and breaking the law.

In general, you should drive at a speed similar to that which the other cars around you are driving. However, you may not legally drive faster than the posted speed limit. This also applies to getting off the freeway.

- Do Not Use an Entrance Ramp to Exit the Freeway - It is illegal, even in a traffic jam.
- Do Not Insist on the Right-of-Way.
- Do Not Pass unless it is Safe.
- Do Not Drive in the Left Lane

Change lanes only to pass, get off the freeway, or to enter the correct lane for an upcoming route separation in the freeway.

**NOTE: You can be issued a citation for impeding traffic if a vehicle is following behind you in the left lane of travel on a multi-lane highway and you do not change lanes and allow for the other vehicle to pass.**

## PASSING

On multi-lane roads, the left lane is for passing slower vehicles. Never pass on the shoulder.

Pass as quickly and safely as possible. Do not stay alongside the other vehicle any longer than you have to.

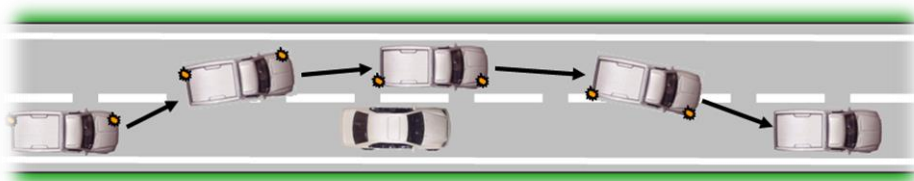
When passing:

- Check for oncoming traffic;
- Check your mirrors and do a head check for vehicles following or passing you;
- Signal;
- Steer into the passing lane;
- Adjust speed;
- Move completely into the left lane;
- Return to the right hand lane no less than 200 feet of oncoming vehicles;
- Wait until you can see all of the passed vehicle in your rearview mirror;
- Signal before returning to the lane; and
- Steer into the lane and adjust speed.

Remember, when passing on the right it is illegal to leave the roadway.

When being passed:

- Stay in your lane; and
- Hold a steady speed to let the driver pass you.



You should never pass:

- If there is an oncoming vehicle;
- If your view is blocked by a curve or hill;
- At intersections; or another car when stopped at a crosswalk;
- Before a railroad crossing or bridge; or
- In a no passing zone.



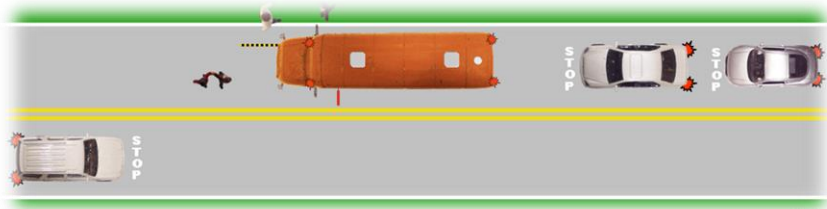
When passing bicyclists, slow down and give them as much space as you can.

## RULES FOR SCHOOL BUSES

If a school bus is displaying alternating flashing red light signals, visible from the front or rear you need to stop immediately before reaching the bus. Do **not** proceed until the **flashing red lights stop**.

If you are:

- Traveling on a divided highway having four or more lanes with a median separating the traffic, it is only necessary for the vehicles traveling in both lanes behind the school bus to stop, and not the traffic traveling in the opposite direction;
- Traveling on a two-lane roadway, traffic in both directions is required to stop;
- Traveling on a four-lane roadway without a median, traffic in both directions is required to stop; or
- Traveling on a highway having five or more lanes and having a shared center turn lane, it is only required for the vehicle in both lanes behind the school bus to come to a complete stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction are not legally required to stop.



## PARKING

You must make sure that your vehicle is not a hazard when it is parked.

Always park in a marked parking area.

When parking along the road, park your vehicle as far from traffic as you can. If there is a curb, park close to it.

In the interest of public safety, there are several places where you are not allowed to park including:

- On a sidewalk;
- In front of a public or private driveway;
- In an intersection;
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- On a crosswalk;
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk;
- Within 30 feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal;
- In an area which is posted for pedestrian use or within 30 feet of the edges of that area;
- On any railroad track or within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station;
- If signs are posted, you may not park on the opposite side of the road if you are within 75 feet of the fire station entrance;

- Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping or parking would block traffic;
- On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street (this means that you cannot double park);
- On any bridge or other elevated highway structure or in a highway tunnel;
- At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- On the shoulder of any interstate highway. These areas may be used only if your vehicle breaks down or you are in physical distress; and
- Red painted curbs or red zones.



**No-Parking Zones** – check for signs or painted curbs that may ban or limit parking. Some no parking zones are indicated by colored curb markings.

### Perpendicular and Angle Parking

When entering:

- Find a parking space and check traffic;
- Signal;
- Center your vehicle in the parking space; and
- Move to the front of the space and stop.

When exiting:

- Check for traffic;
- Continue to check traffic and back up until your front bumper clears the vehicle beside you;
- Turn the steering wheel sharply in the direction you want the rear of your vehicle to move;
- When your vehicle clears the parking space stop; and



**Angle Parking**



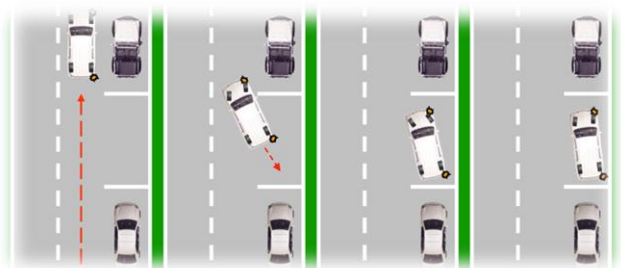
**Perpendicular Parking**

- Shift to drive and move ahead.

### Parallel Parking

When entering:

- Find a parking space;
- Check traffic and signal;
- Pull up parallel to the vehicle you are parking behind;



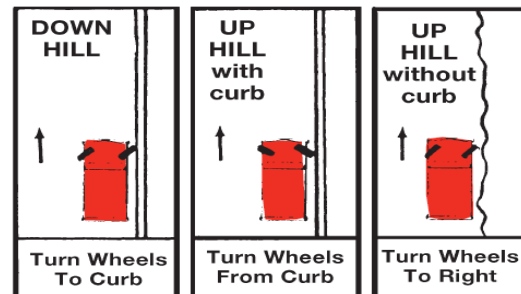
- When traffic is clear, shift into reverse and look to the rear;
- Back slowly while turning the steering wheel quickly;
- Continue backing until your front bumper is in line with the rear bumper of the vehicle you are parking behind;
- Keep backing slowly while turning the steering wheel rapidly;
- Center your vehicle in the space;
- Stop before touching the bumper of the vehicle behind you; and
- Shift to drive and adjust your position in the space, the vehicle should be no more than 12 inches from the curb.

When exiting:

- Check traffic and apply the brake;
- Shift to reverse and back up close to the vehicle parked behind you;
- Check for traffic and signal;
- Shift to drive and move forward slowly;
- Steer out into the lane;
- Make sure that the front bumper of your vehicle will clear the vehicle ahead. If not, shift to reverse and adjust; and
- Move into the traffic lane when the doorpost of your vehicle clears the rear bumper of the vehicle ahead of you.

## PARKING ON A HILL

- If you are parking uphill beside a curb, turn your front wheels **away from the curb** and let your car roll back so that the front tire touches the curb.
- Never leave your vehicle until you have set the emergency brake, stopped the motor, removed the ignition key, and lock the doors.
- Pull as far off the road as reasonable to park. If parking next to a curb, the back wheel of your car must be no further than 12 inches away from the curb.
- If your parking would block the flow of traffic, find another place to park.
- If you are parked outside a business or residential area, your vehicle must be clearly seen from 200 feet in each direction.
- A courteous driver never parks too close to another car. Parking too close to another car could result in damage to your car.



**NOTE: When parking downhill without a curb, turn your wheels to the right.**



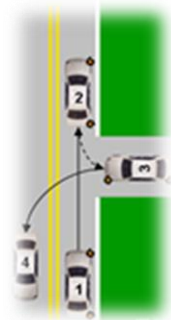
## TWO AND THREE POINT TURNS

### Two-Point Turn

A street alley or driveway can be used to turn around when you cannot drive around the block.

### Reverse Two-Point Turn

Check that there are no vehicles behind you. Signal a right turn. Drive one car length past the driveway or alley, put your right arm on the seat, look back over your right shoulder and back into the driveway. Shift to drive and check traffic. When it is clear, signal left, turn left into the proper lane and drive away.



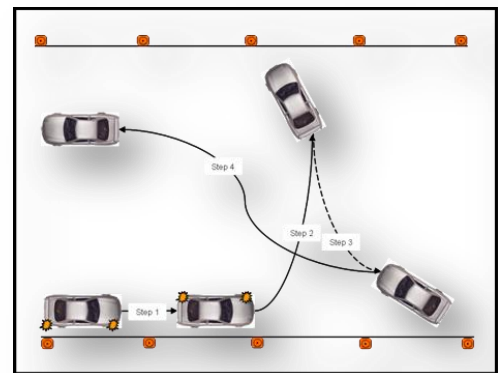
### Forward Two-Point Turn

Check that there is no oncoming traffic and signal a left turn. Move close to the center of the road and turn into the driveway or alley. Turn as near as possible to the right side of the drive. Stop as the rear of the vehicle clears the curb or edge of the driveway. Check for traffic, signal a right turn and shift to reverse. When the path is clear, back up while turning the steering wheel quickly all the way to the right. Straighten your wheels and stop when you are centered in the lane. Shift to drive, cancel your signal and drive away.



### Three-Point Turn

Use this only if the road is too narrow for a U-turn. It's best to go around the block if you can. This should only be used on a two-lane road. Check the mirrors and signal a right turn. Stop on the right side of the road. Turn on your left turn signal, check traffic and check over your left shoulder. When traffic is clear, turn hard left and drive to the other side of the road and stop. Shift to reverse. Check traffic and check your blind spots to both sides. When traffic is clear, turn hard right and back up to the other side of the road and stop. Shift to drive and turn on the left turn signal. Check traffic and blind spots. When traffic is clear, turn hard left and drive forward into the right lane heading in the new direction. Check traffic and cancel your turn signal.



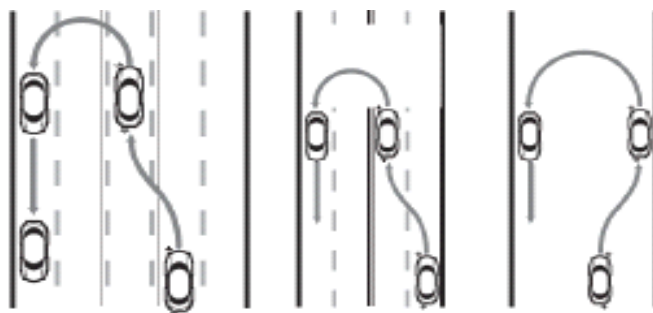
## U-TURNS

You must never make a U-turn:

- On any curve;
- Near the top of a hill where you cannot see or be seen from both directions for 500 feet;
- Where prohibited by an official traffic control device;
- On a railroad track or railroad grade crossing; or
- On a freeway.



Each city has its own laws concerning U-turns. Be sure you know the specific laws of the city in which you are driving. A U-turn should only be made on a street or highway which is sufficiently wide enough to allow a turn to be made from the left hand lane or just right of the center line or center of the street.



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On a multi-lane  
two-way road  
with shared turn  
lane

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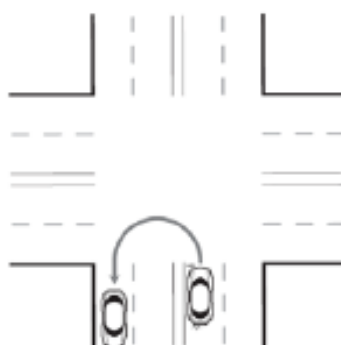
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On a Two-Lane  
Two Way Road



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At Intersections

## STOPPING

Many people seem to feel that a “rolling stop” is adequate when they are required to stop. The following situations are times when you must make a complete stop:

1. At a steady (non-flashing) red light or at a flashing red light.
2. At all stop signs.
3. At railroad crossings controlled by flashing signals, gates, a watchman, or stop signs. Stop more than 15 feet (but not more than 50 feet) away from the nearest rail until it is safe to continue. If there is a gate, wait for it to be raised.

4. If a school bus is displaying alternating flashing red light signals visible from the front or rear. Stop immediately before reaching the bus. Do **not** proceed until the **flashing red light signal ceases to stop**.

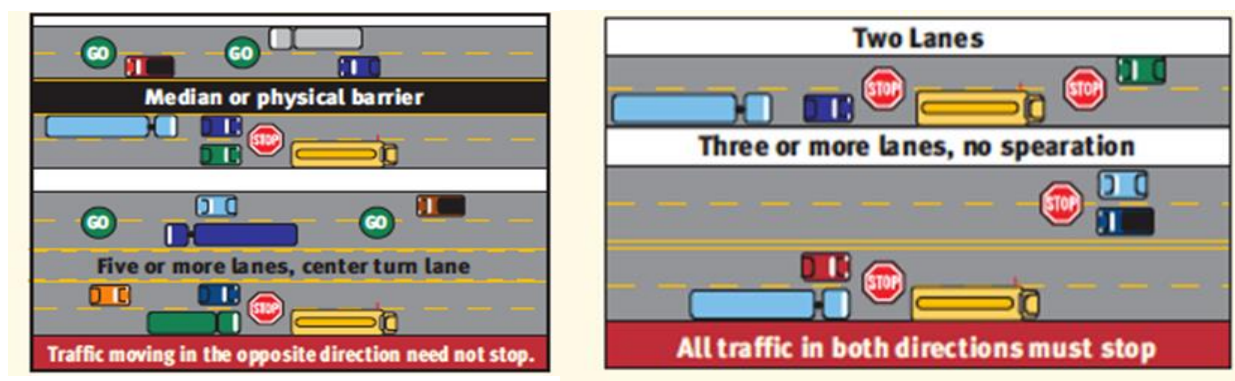
**IF YOU ARE:**

- a. Traveling on a divided highway having four or more lanes with a median separating the traffic, it is only necessary for the vehicles traveling in both lanes behind the school bus to stop, and not the traffic traveling in the opposite direction.
- b. Traveling on a two-lane roadway, traffic in both directions is required to stop.
- c. Traveling on a four-lane roadway without a median, traffic in both directions is required to stop.
- d. Traveling on a highway having five or more lanes and having a shared center turn lane, it is only required for the vehicle in both lanes behind the school bus to come to a complete stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction are not legally required to stop.

It is important to note that although you may not be required by law to stop when you see a stopped school bus, you should be aware that students will be getting on and off the bus. Children are unpredictable and could run into the road at any time. Use caution as you are driving near school buses and adjust your speed accordingly.

**NOTE: School bus drivers may report vehicles that improperly pass school buses. The report may be forwarded to the local law enforcement agency for investigation. Fines range from \$100 to \$500; and remember, a conviction for passing a school bus illegally usually means an increase in insurance rates.**

5. At the scene of any crash in which you may be involved as a driver. You must meet all legal requirements before you may leave the crash scene.
6. When a police or other peace officer requests you to stop.
7. Prior to a sidewalk area, or street, when coming onto a street or highway from an alley, private driveway, private road, or from a building.



## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. You must stop immediately for a bus which has stopped and is displaying red flashing lights.  
True or False
2. You are never allowed to park on a sidewalk.  
True or False

Test answers

1. True 2. True

## SECTION 9

### MANAGING TIME AND SPACE

#### This Section Covers

- Seeing What's Critical
- Managing Speed
- Stopping Distance
- Managing Space
- Communicating
- Sample Test Questions

Driving requires skills you can only gain through practice. This section covers critical skills for safe driving.

#### SEEING WHAT'S CRITICAL

You need to know what is happening all around you, all the time. Look ahead, to the sides and behind. Have a search pattern to use every time you are driving.

Searching helps you see hazards early. It gives you time to change speed or direction to avoid hazards. Don't stare. Keep your eyes moving. Search for possible problems.

##### Look Ahead

Looking far ahead gives you time to plan your path. The sooner you see a problem, the more time you have to react.

How far you look down the road depends on where you are driving. In cities and urban areas you may not be able to see as far as on a highway. Don't follow close to larger vehicles. They block your vision. Give yourself space so you can see.



##### Look to the Sides

Make sure other drivers will not cross your path.

##### Look Behind

You must be aware of traffic behind you. Check behind you when changing lanes by doing a head check, slowing down or stopping. Check before you enter an intersection.

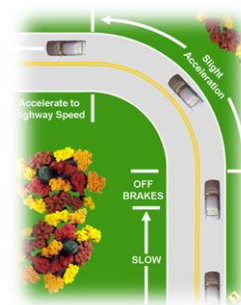
#### MANAGING SPEED

Driving safely requires adjusting your speed for road and traffic conditions, keeping a safe following distance, and obeying speed limits.

## Adjusting For Road Conditions

### Curves

Always slow down before entering a curve. A safe speed allows you to slightly accelerate through the curve. Slow more if traction is poor, when following other vehicles or if you cannot see the end of the curve. Hard braking in a curve can cause a skid.

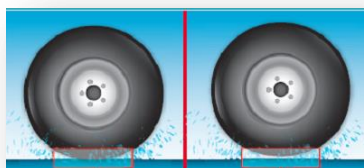


### Slippery roads

Reduce speed at the first sign of rain, snow, sleet or ice. When the roadway is slippery, it will take longer to stop and it will be harder to turn without skidding.

### Hydroplaning

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires start to ride up on pooled water like water skis. Avoid hydroplaning by slowing down in the rain or when the road is wet with puddles.



### Flooded Roadways

Do not drive through large bodies of standing water. If the roadway is flooded, find another route.



## STOPPING DISTANCE

Total stopping distance is the distance from the time you realize you must stop until your vehicle is completely stopped. Several things affect stopping distance:

- **Speed** – the faster you are traveling, the more time and distance it takes to stop.
- **Perception time** – the time it takes you to recognize you must stop. The average perception time for an alert driver is  $\frac{3}{4}$  second to 1 second.
- **Your reaction time** – the time it takes for you to react and move your foot to begin braking. The average driver has a reaction time of  $\frac{3}{4}$  second to 1 second.
- **Braking distance** – the distance it takes to stop your vehicle. At 50 mph on dry pavement with good brakes, it can take about 158 feet. Adding perception time and reaction time nearly doubles this distance.

## MANAGING SPACE

The more space you allow between your vehicle and other roadway users, the more time you have to react. This is called a space cushion. Always try to maintain a safe space cushion around your vehicle.

### Space in Front

Following too close limits your view of the road. It does not allow enough reaction time to avoid a collision. Keep at least 2 seconds between your car and the vehicle in front.

To determine your following distance:

- Watch when the rear of the vehicle ahead passes a sign, pole or any other fixed point;
- Count the seconds it takes you to reach the same point ("One-thousand-one, one-thousand-two);

- You are following too close if you pass that point before counting 2 seconds; and
- Slow down and check your new following interval. Repeat until you are following no closer than two seconds.



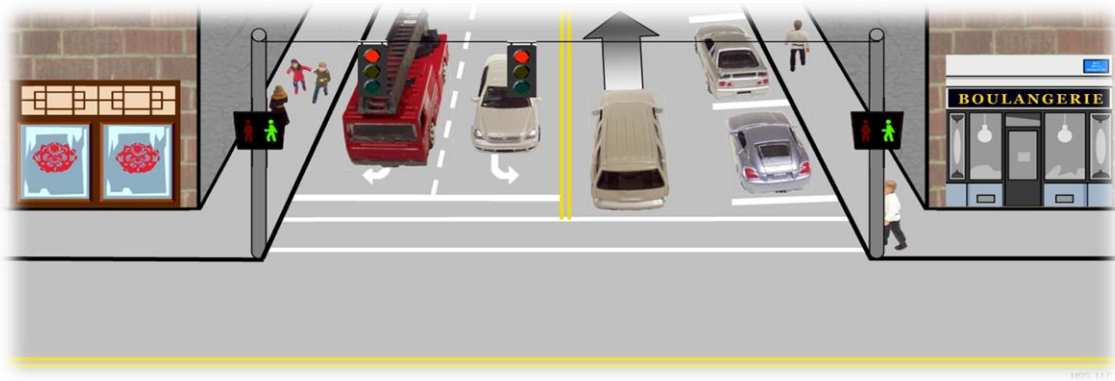
Always increase your following distance:

- On slick roads;
- When following large vehicles or vehicles pulling a trailer;
- At night, in fog, or in bad weather; and
- When following vehicles that stop at railroad crossings (e.g. transit buses, school buses or vehicles carrying dangerous material).



Managing the space around your vehicle (Space Cushion):

- A space cushion on the sides of your vehicle allows you to move right or left;
- Don't drive next to other vehicles. You may be in their blind spot. It reduces the space you need to avoid a crash;
- Don't crowd the center line. Keep as much space as you can between you and oncoming traffic;
- Make space for vehicles entering multi-lane roads by moving over a lane or slowing down;
- Give more space to pedestrians, children and bicyclists; and
- When you are passed by a tractor-trailer, move to the right side of your lane. Give yourself space from the tractor-trailer as it passes.



Managing the space behind your vehicle:

- Help keep the driver behind you at a safe distance by holding a steady speed. Always signal before turns. Give yourself extra following distance before reducing speed or turning.

## COMMUNICATING

Always let other roadway users know where you are and what you plan to do.

### Attract Attention

Use your headlights:

- Turning on headlights helps other roadway users see you. Especially any time conditions keep you from seeing 1,000 feet ahead. These conditions include fog, stormy weather or dust;
- When driving at night turn on headlights no later than half an hour after sunset and keep them on until half an hour before sunrise; and
- When driving away from a rising or setting sun.

Use your horn:

- Give the horn a light tap when pedestrians or bicyclists appear to be moving into your lane of travel;
- Passing a driver who starts to turn into your lane
- A driver is not paying attention or may have trouble seeing you; and
- Only use the horn when you need to signal other road users.

### Signal

Always signal before you turn or slow down.

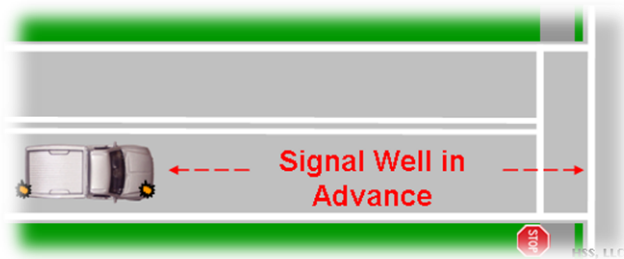
Signal before turning:

- Give others time to react;
- Signal when changing lanes, turning or when merging into traffic. Be sure to cancel your signal afterwards; and
- When turning at an intersection that is after a side street, do not put your turn signal on until after passing the side street.

Signal when reducing speed:

- Brake lights let others know that you are slowing down;

- Flash your brake lights when turning off a road that does not have separate turn or exit lanes; and
- Parking or turning before an intersection.



## SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. Always increase your following distance on:
  - a. Slick roads.
  - b. When following large vehicles.
  - c. Both of the above.
2. Always signal before making a turn.  
True or False
3. It is okay to use your horn to scare other drivers.  
True or False

### Test Answers

1. C 2. True 3. False



## SECTION 10

### AVOIDING CRASHES

#### This Section Covers

- Defensive Driving
- Emergencies and Avoiding Crashes
- Vehicle Problems
- Sample Test Questions

#### Defensive Driving

Just knowing the rules of the road is not enough. You need to develop special skills for special situations. One skill that is useful in all situations, however, is defensive driving. Defensive driving involves looking out for possible crashes and mistakes other drivers may make. It is important to learn how to be aware of everything that happens around you.

- Over half the drivers killed in two-car crashes in Utah were not at fault. A lot of people think that crashes happen only to the other guy. Remember that one person in four will be in some type of crash in the next four years. There are ways to reduce your chances of being that person.
- Studies shows your chances of being in a crash will be much less if you take a defensive driving course. Even a defensive driver needs to have some special skills. These skills include freeway driving, night driving and emergency measures.

Unique facts about driving crashes:

- A national study revealed that **driver error** is a factor in 75% of all car crashes.
- The time of day when most crashes happen is between 2 P.M. and 6 P.M.
- Even though Utah has many roads and highways, the highest rate of reported car crashes occur in shopping and business areas.
- In America, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for ages 1 to 24 years of age.

#### EMERGENCIES AND AVOIDING CRASHES

Emergencies Happen. You will be less likely to panic and will know what to do if you think about emergencies and plan for them before they happen. When you are driving, it is very important to pay attention to the road and other cars and objects around you. You never know when something unexpected is going to happen.

**NOTE: Motorists have been seriously injured or even killed when attending to vehicle malfunctions such as a flat tire, out of gas, and other equipment problems on and off the roadways.**

The majority of these incidents are preventable in an effort to minimize death or injury the following simple rules for the road should be followed:

- Please ensure that your vehicle is properly maintained, including the internal engine components.

- Maintain adequate tire pressure and tread.
- Be sure your vehicle has a sufficient amount of fuel.
- If you do experience a vehicle malfunction, please pull off the road as far as possible or exit the freeway completely if possible. A shredded tire or bent rim is better than putting your life in danger.
- If you are off to the side of the road and need help, please stay in your vehicle as much as possible and keep walking on the road to a minimum. This opens the door of opportunity for injury or even death.
- Use your cell phone to call the local dispatcher if you need assistance. If you do not have access to a cell phone, please leave the hood of your car up and your hazard lights on. This will advise the traveling public that you need assistance.
- Inform family members or other persons when to expect you at your destination.
- Have an emergency kit in the trunk of your vehicle with blankets, extra food and water, to sustain you and your family.

### **Tire Blowout**

Do not slam on the brakes. Let your car roll so that you can steer more easily. Hold the wheel tightly and slowly apply your brakes.

When you have slowed down enough, pull all the way off the road. Pick a level spot if possible, turn on your emergency flashers and change the tire.

### **Braking**

During an emergency the first action for most drivers is to stop. Many new vehicles have ABS (Anti-lock Braking Systems.) ABS helps you stop without skidding. It helps keep steering control. Be sure to read the vehicle owner's manual on how to use the ABS. Rules for using ABS are:

- Press on the brake pedal as hard as you can and keep applying pressure;
- ABS only works if you stay on the brake pedal. The pedal may vibrate and you may hear a clicking noise. This is normal; and
- You can still steer with the ABS on.

If your vehicle does not have ABS, refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for how to use the brakes.

### **Steering**

You may be able to avoid a collision by steering around a hazard. This is sometimes called "swerving." To quickly steer around a problem:

- Make sure you have a good grip with both hands on the steering wheel;
- Steer in the direction you want to go, but try to avoid other traffic; and
- Once you have missed the hazard, straighten your vehicle and slow down.

### **Speeding Up**

You may need to speed up to avoid a collision with a vehicle that is about to hit you from behind or the side.

### **Skids**

Skids happen when you are traveling too fast or when you brake too hard. Skids happen whenever your tires cannot grip the road. While the tires are skidding you will not be able to steer. If your vehicle begins to skid:

- Release pressure from the brake or accelerator to regain steering; and
- Look where you want to go.

### **Uneven Surfaces/Drop Offs**

Drop-offs can cause crashes unless you handle them right. Don't panic if your wheels drop off the paved road surface. Slow down gradually and then turn back onto the road.

## **VEHICLE PROBLEMS**

There is always a chance of having something go wrong with your vehicle. You can avoid most breakdowns by following the maintenance schedule in your owner's manual.

### **Brake Failure**

A brake warning light tells you that your brakes are not working. Do not drive if you see this warning light. If your brakes stop working while driving:

- Use the parking brake. Apply the parking brake slowly to avoid locking the rear wheels. Be ready to release the brake if you start to skid.
- If the parking brake fails, turn off the engine and look for a safe place to stop. Make sure the vehicle is well off the road. Do not drive without brakes.

### **Tire Blowout**

If a front tire blows out, your vehicle will pull hard toward the blown tire. If a rear tire blows out, the vehicle will wobble, shake and pull toward the blown tire.

If a tire goes flat:

- Grip the steering wheel firmly and steer straight;
- Slow gradually; take your foot off the gas pedal;
- Do not brake. Allow the vehicle to slow by itself. Brake gently only if you have to; and
- Do not stop on the road. Pull off the road in a safe place and turn on the emergency flashers.

### **Power Failure**

If the engine shuts off while you are driving:

- Keep a strong grip on the steering wheel. The steering wheel may be hard to turn, but you can turn it;
- Look for a safe place to pull off;
- Brake gently and use steady pressure on the pedal;
- Slow down and pull off the road;
- Try to start the engine, if it won't start, raise the hood and turn on the emergency flashers; and
- Call for help.

### **Stuck Gas Pedal**

If your vehicle is speeding out of control:

- Shift to neutral and look for a safe place to pull off; and
- Steer smoothly, brake gently and pull off the road.

### **Breakdowns**

If your vehicle breaks down, make sure that other drivers can see it. Crashes often happen because drivers do not see a disabled vehicle until it's too late to stop. If you have a breakdown:

- Get your vehicle off the road and away from traffic;
- Turn on your emergency flashers;
- Get everyone out and away from the car;
- Warn other roadway users;
- Put emergency flares or emergency triangles 200 to 300 feet behind your vehicle;
- Give other drivers time to change lanes or slow down; and
- Call the police about the breakdown.

### **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. Do not slam on the brakes when your vehicle experiences a tire blow out.  
True or False
2. You may need to speed up to avoid a vehicle hitting your vehicle from behind.  
True or False
3. If you have a breakdown:
  - A. Get your vehicle off the road.
  - B. Turn on your emergency flashers.
  - C. Both of the above.

### **Test Answers**

1. True 2 True 3. C.

## SECTION 11

### SHARING THE ROAD

#### This Section Covers

- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Motorcycles
- Large Vehicles
- Emergency Vehicles
- Move Over Law
- Police/Traffic Stops
- Slow Moving Vehicles
- Pedestrian Vehicles
- Mobility Vehicles
- Sample Test Questions

Everyone has a right to the roadway. Remember to be courteous. Communicate to let others know where you are and what you plan to do.

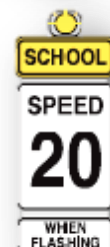
### PEDESTRIANS

As a driver:

- Always yield to pedestrians even if they are not in a crosswalk;
- Be aware of pedestrians crossing at mid-block crosswalks. They may not be marked by warning signs and road markings;
- Always yield to the visually impaired. When a pedestrian is crossing a street with a guide dog or carrying a white cane, you must come to a complete stop;
- Yield to all pedestrians even if the traffic light is green;
- When making a right or left turn on red, you must yield to pedestrians;
- Watch for pedestrians when driving next to parked or stopped vehicles;
- Check for pedestrians before backing, especially in parking lots;
- Slow down near playgrounds and in residential areas. Children can run out from between parked vehicles. Be ready to stop quickly; and
- In a school zone when lights are flashing or children are present, you must obey a slower speed limit. At school crossings where there is a traffic patrol, stop and yield as signaled.

If a pedestrian is crossing the street in a “marked” or “unmarked” crosswalk, you must:

- Yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which your vehicle is traveling.



- Drivers must also yield when a pedestrian approaching from the opposite side of the roadway is close to the center of the roadway.

Pedestrians should remember: **IF THERE ARE SIDEWALKS, YOU MUST USE THEM.** If there are no sidewalks, walk or jog on the left shoulder as far away as possible from the edge of the roadway. Where neither a sidewalk nor shoulder is available, walk as near as possible to the outside edge of the roadway. Always walk or jog **FACING TRAFFIC**; that is, on the left side of the shoulder or road.

## BICYCLES

Bicycles are considered vehicles. Bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as other vehicles. A bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as driver.

Bicycles are hard to see in traffic. Search for them and be extra careful around them. Bicyclists have varying skill levels. A skillful rider is predictable and holds a steady line. An unskillful rider may swerve without notice, ignore traffic signs and signals, and ride without a light at night. Be ready for sudden turns.

As a driver you must:

- Yield to bicyclists at intersections, just like you do for pedestrians and other vehicles;
- Yield right-of-way when a bicycle path or bike lane crosses a road. Do not stop, park or drive in a bicycle lane unless you are entering or leaving an alley or driveway;
- Slow and allow as much space as you can when approaching or passing a bicycle. Slow down and let a cyclist clear an intersection before you make a turn;
- Be careful of stopping your vehicle too quickly. Your car can stop more quickly than a bicycle and you may cause a crash;
- Do not use your horn close to bicycles unless there is a chance of a crash. Your horn could startle them and cause them to steer into your path;
- Watch for bicyclists entering your lane. Watch out if you see children riding bikes on the sidewalk. They may ride onto the road;
- Do not turn sharply in front of bicycles. Do not force a bicyclist off the road;
- Although bicyclists are required to ride in the direction of traffic, you should look for them riding anywhere on the road;
- Be extra careful around bicyclists when the road is wet or has sand or gravel. These things affect bicycles much more than other vehicles; and
- Cooperate with bicyclists. They have to use hand signals when turning and stopping. They may not be able to signal if conditions require both hands on the handlebars. Look for other clues of what they plan to do. Riders usually turn their head or look over their shoulder before changing lanes.



**Utah law requires a minimum three (3) feet of distance from any bicyclist or vulnerable user of the highway you are passing.**



Stop

Left Turn

Right Turn or

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When parked on the street, check to the sides and rear for bicycles before you open your door.

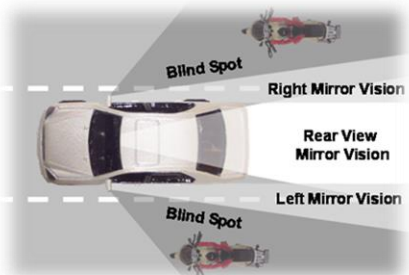
Check for bicyclists in your path before backing up. Be extra cautious near schools or residential areas where riders may be present.

Never attempt to ride a bicycle or motorcycle while impaired. Alcohol can affect your balance and judgment.

## MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other drivers. There are things you need to know to safely share the road with motorcycles:

- Give motorcycles a full lane. Do not share the lane. Motorcycles need space to react to other traffic;
- Motorcycles are small and difficult to see. Always check your mirrors and blind spots for them;
- Before turning left be alert for motorcycles. Look carefully to the front and sides;
- Do not believe a motorcycle is turning when it has a turn signal flashing. Many motorcycle turn signals do not self-cancel. The rider may have forgotten to cancel the signal;
- When following a motorcycle, stay at least 4 seconds back. When it is wet, increase this distance. Riders may suddenly change speed or lane position to avoid potholes, gravel, wet or slick places. They may also change speed or direction because of pavement seams, railroad crossings and grooved paving. All of these can be deadly to a motorcyclist; and
- Remember that scooters and mopeds travel at much lower speeds than motorcycles.



**Note:** An operator of a Motorcycle, Moped, or bicycle who 16 years of age or older, may after bringing the vehicle to a complete stop at the intersection or stop line and determines that the traffic-control signal has not detected the operator's presence by waiting a reasonable period of time and not less than 90 seconds at the intersection or stop line may proceed across the roadway if there is no other vehicles or pedestrians near the intersection.

## LARGE VEHICLES

Over 250,000 crashes occur between cars and large vehicles each year. Many of these crashes could be avoided by keeping these points in mind:

- Large vehicles are bigger and harder to handle than a car;
- They have much larger blind spots than cars; and
- They take more space to speed up, stop and turn.

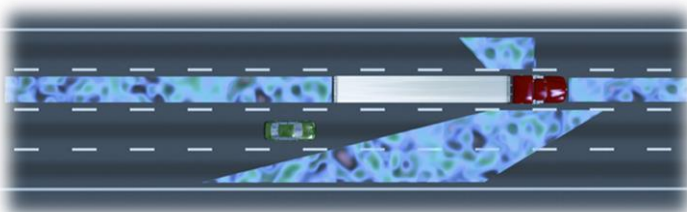


### The No-Zone

The No-Zone is the area around large vehicles that is in the driver's blind spots. These blind spots are on the sides, rear and front.

#### Side No-Zones

Large trucks and buses have big No-Zones on both sides. A truck's largest blind spot is on the right side. It starts behind the cab and goes the length of the truck. If you cannot see a driver's face in the side view mirror, they cannot see you. Do not drive alongside a large vehicle any longer than you have to. If the driver needs to swerve or change lanes, you could collide.



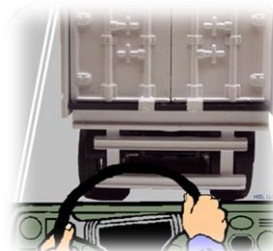
#### Front No-Zone

Because they are so big and heavy, large vehicles take longer to stop than cars. A loaded truck at 55 mph takes at least 335 feet to stop. That's more than 1 ½ times the distance a car takes. Never pull out in front of a large vehicle or change lanes in front of them. When passing, make sure you can see the whole front of the vehicle in your rear-view mirror before pulling back into the lane.



#### Rear No-Zones

Large vehicles have huge blind spots-up to 200 feet behind them. If you are too close, the driver cannot see your car and you cannot see what is ahead of you. Do not follow too closely. Place yourself so the driver can see you in their side mirrors. When stopped behind a large vehicle on a hill, be aware that the large vehicle may stall or roll backwards colliding with your car.

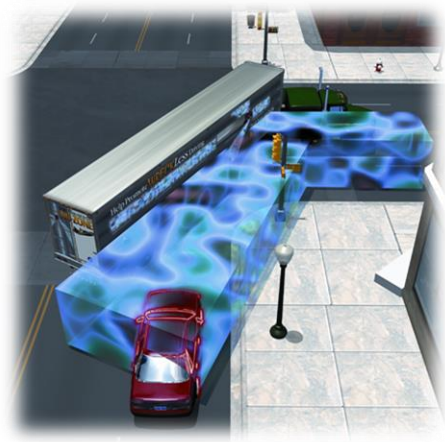




### Turning and Oncoming Large Vehicles

Watch for large vehicles' turn signals and give them lots of room. Large vehicles sometimes swing wide to the left to clear a curb on a right turn. Avoid a crash by not turning until the vehicle has finished its turn. Keep in mind:

- Avoid wind blast when you meet a truck by moving as far as you can to the right side of the road.
- Many crashes with large vehicles occur at intersections. Drivers often misjudge the vehicle's speed before turning left. If you are not sure about the speed of an oncoming truck, do not turn in front of it. It may be going faster than you think. It also takes much longer for them to stop.
- Stop lines at intersections are designed to give larger vehicles more turning space. Always stop behind the stop lines.
- Do not cut in front of a truck in traffic. Do not try to beat a truck into a single-lane construction zone. Trying to save a few seconds could cost your life.



### EMERGENCY VEHICLES

When police cars, fire engines, ambulances, or other emergency vehicles approach using sirens, emergency lights, or other warning devices, you **MUST YIELD** the right-of-way. **DRIVE AT ONCE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND STOP** until the emergency vehicle has passed.

Unless you are on official business, do not follow within **500 feet** of any fire vehicle responding to an alarm. You may not drive or park on the same block where the fire vehicle has stopped to answer an alarm.

### MOVE OVER LAW

When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with flashing lights, you must reduce your speed, provide as much space as practical to the emergency vehicle, and if practical and it is safe to do so, make a lane change into a lane away from the emergency vehicle.

**If you are convicted for NOT making a lane change or slowing down when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle, you must attend a four (4) hour live classroom defensive driving course within 90 days of conviction. If you fail to attend the defensive driving class, your license will be suspended for 90 days.**



## POLICE/TRAFFIC STOPS

If you are pulled over by the police:

- Move to the right side of the road. Make sure you are in a safe spot;
- Stay in the vehicle unless asked to get out;
- Turn off your engine. Turn on your hazard flashers. At night, turn on your inside lights so the officer can see inside the vehicle. Roll down your window so that you and the officer can talk;
- Remain calm. Keep your safety belt fastened. Ask your passenger(s) to do the same. Keep your hands on the steering wheel;
- The officer may ask for your license, insurance card or vehicle registration. Tell the officer where they are located and reach for them slowly with one hand on the wheel;
- Answer the officer's questions; and
- Never try to run from the law, many fatal crashes result from police chases.

## SLOW MOVING VEHICLES

Watch for slow moving vehicles, especially in rural areas. A fluorescent or reflective orange and red triangle displayed on the rear means the vehicle is moving less than 25 mph. Use caution when you see them and be sure it is safe before you pass.



### Farm Machinery

Watch for farm equipment moving across the road or driving on state highways in rural areas. Pass with care. Remember the driver cannot hear your vehicle.



### Animal Drawn Vehicles and Horseback Riders

You may share the road with horse drawn vehicles or horseback riders. They have the same right to the road as a motor vehicle. They must follow the same rules you do. Pass with care. Do not use your horn or "rev" the engine. This may scare the horse and cause a crash. Watch out for left turns into fields and driveways. Warning signs may be posted in areas where you are likely to find horse drawn vehicles and horseback riders. Be alert.



## PEDESTRIAN VEHICLES

A pedestrian vehicle is designed and manufactured for the use of the disabled. It must be less than 48 inches wide, have an engine displacement of less than 300 cubic centimeters and less than 12 brake horsepower, and not be capable of exceeding 30 mph.

## MOBILITY VEHICLES

A Mobility Vehicle is a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability which meets the specifications outlined by the Division and can be driven on a public roadway, within appropriate restrictions and by an individual who holds a valid Mobility Vehicle Permit. This permit issued by the Division grants authority specifying the conditions for a person with a physical disability to operate a mobility vehicle on a public highway.



Note: Pedestrian and mobility vehicles may be used on the highways and are exempt from registration, inspection and the usual operator license requirements. Authority to operate pedestrian vehicles is governed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

## SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. Utah law requires a four foot distance from any person on a bicycle.  
True or False
2. When you see an emergency vehicle approaching you from the front or rear, you must drive to the right side of the road way and stop.  
True or False
3. Motorcycles are entitled to the full use of their lane.  
True or False

### Test Answers

1. False 2. True 3. True

## SECTION 12

### SPECIAL DRIVING CHALLENGES

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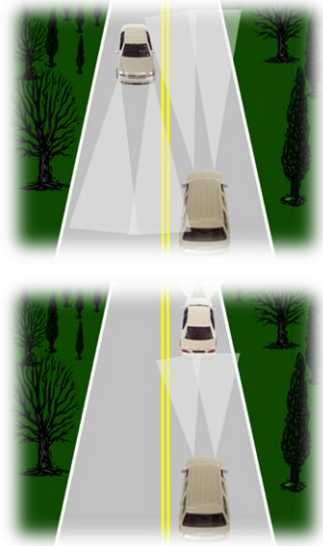
### NIGHT DRIVING

Driving at night is harder and more dangerous than driving in daylight. The distance you can see is limited. Some tips for driving at night:

- Turn on your headlights no later than half an hour after sunset and keep them on until half an hour before sunrise;
- If your vehicle's high beam lights are on and a car is coming toward you, dim your lights before you get within 500 feet of the oncoming car;
- Dim your high beams for oncoming traffic. If an oncoming vehicle does not dim, look at the right side of the road. This helps avoid being blinded by the headlights, and dim your lights anyway;



- If you are following a car, dim your lights when you are within 300 feet of the vehicle ahead of you;
- Use your lights any time conditions keep you from seeing 1,000 feet ahead. These conditions include fog, stormy weather or dust;
- In fog, rain or snow, use your low beams to avoid glare. Some vehicles have fog lights;
- Avoid looking directly into headlights. Keep your eyes searching the road in front of your vehicle;
- Search well ahead of your headlight beams. Look for dark shapes on the roadway;
- Glance to the right and left to check for the edge of the pavement and hazards on the sides;
- Do not wear sunglasses or colored lenses at night or on cloudy days. Tinted or colored lenses reduce the light you need for good vision; and
- Increase your following distance by at least a second at night. Add at least two seconds for night driving on strange roads;
- It is wise to slow down a little at night. The law requires that you drive at a “reasonable and prudent” speed. That means, especially at night, if you drive the posted speed limit, it may be too fast.



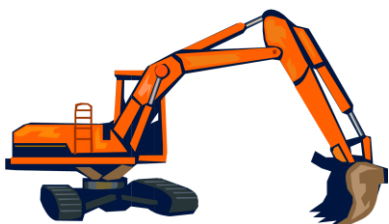
## HIGHWAY WORK ZONES

Highway work zones are those portions of a street or highway where construction, maintenance or utility work is being done to the road, its shoulders, or any other items related to the roadway. This includes work such as underground and overhead utility work, tree trimming, and surveying activities. Highway work zones are easily recognized by the presence of orange signing and other orange traffic control devices, flashing lights on equipment, and workers dressed in highly visible clothing.

Each year nearly a thousand people are killed and thousands are injured as a result of crashes in highway work zones. Some of these are highway workers, flaggers, or law enforcement officials. However, over 80% of the fatalities and injuries are suffered by drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Many of these work zone crashes are preventable.

Highway workers are trained on how to set up safe work zones with directional traffic signs and devices. Motorists and pedestrians are responsible for knowing how to read and react to these directions. Paying attention and driving cautiously and courteously are the most important steps in preventing crashes while driving through highway work zones.

Work zones may involve lane closings, detours and heavy equipment moving on or near the road.

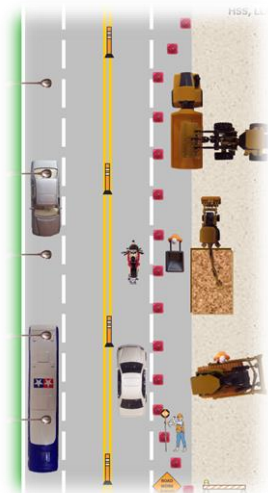


Watch out for signs, cones, barrels, large vehicles and workers in work zones. Work zone signs have an orange background and black letters or symbols. Always slow down even if there are no workers. Narrow lanes and rough pavement can be dangerous.

The courts are required to fine a driver who speeds in a highway construction zone at least twice the amount of the regular fine for speeding.

In a work zone:

- Slow down, increase your following distance and be prepared to stop;
- Be very careful when driving through a work zone at night even if no workers are there;
- Stay well away from workers and construction vehicles;
- Obey the posted work zone signs until you see “End Road Work”;
- Expect delays, plan for them and leave early to finish your trip on time; and
- Use a different route to avoid work zones.



## RURAL ROADS

Driving on rural roads can be dangerous. Stay alert, watch for warning signs and obey the speed limit. Some problems and driving hazards are unique to rural roads:

- **Gravel or Dirt** – there is less traction on gravel or dirt roads. Slow down and increase your following distance. You may skid when stopping your vehicle.
- **Narrow roads** – rural roads are narrower and may have ditches or drop offs instead of shoulders. Slow down and center your vehicle in your lane. Look out for oncoming traffic that may be in your lane.
- **Narrow bridges and single lane bridges** – the first driver to the bridge has right-of-way. Take turns crossing the bridge.
- **Open Bridge Gratings or Steel Bridges** – reduce your speed, increase your following distance and keep a firm grip on the steering wheel.
- **Limited view** – wooded areas, crops growing in fields and steep hills can block your view. In these areas, slow down and be ready to stop.
- **Uncontrolled intersections** – these intersections can be very dangerous. Approach them with caution. Slow down and be ready to stop for crossing or oncoming traffic.

## TRIP PLANNING

There are ways you can help reduce your driving costs. First, determine your overall transportation needs. For each trip, determine if it is necessary. If so, there may be times you do not need to drive yourself. You might ride with someone else or you could take public transportation if it is available. The best way to extend the life of your vehicle and save on fuel is to use it as little as possible. To help cut down on your driving and make trip planning easier:

- Take public transportation when it is available;

- Avoid driving during heavy traffic. It causes extra wear and tear on you and the vehicle;
- Use carpools or share rides whenever possible;
- Plan, and then combine your trips. Make a list of the things you need and the places you need to go. Go to as many places as possible on any one trip; and
- Call ahead to make sure that they have what you need or that what you are picking up is ready.

By doing these things you can help cut down on the amount of traffic on the road, cut your travel costs and save yourself time and effort.

To prepare a vehicle for any trip be sure to check the important mechanical components such as windshields and windows, lights, tires, all fluid levels, belts, hoses and brakes. Get a good night's sleep the night before the start of the trip.

Before going on a trip, consider the time of day to avoid congestion in city areas. Have a plan for the route including the route number, entrance and exit numbers of the final destination. Consider rest stops, fuel stops, food stops and potential construction areas. Take a map with routes highlighted or a description of a route written on paper as a reference.

Determine the number of miles to be traveled daily. The average number of miles driven on major highways is 100 to 110 miles every two hours with 10 to 15 minute breaks every 2 to 3 hours and 1 hour stops for meals. When traveling on secondary roads, which go through towns and cities or traveling through mountains, it will take longer to get to your destination. If one person will be doing all of the driving, 6 to 8 hours of driving in any one day should be considered the limit. When two or more persons can share the driving, total driving time should not exceed 10 to 11 hours. Avoid driving after dark when visibility is limited and particularly after 11 p.m. when you are more apt to fall asleep while driving.

Be prepared when going on any trip. Remember to take:

- An extra set of keys in case you lock your keys in the vehicle or lose them;
- Insurance information in case you are in a crash;
- Money for expected and unexpected travel expenses;
- Vehicle owner's manual in case your vehicle breaks down; and
- Maps of local areas in case you get lost.

## **WINTER DRIVING**

Winter is the most difficult driving season. Not only do you have snow and ice to deal with, but there are fewer hours of daylight as well. Before winter weather arrives, make sure your vehicle is in good condition. Make sure your vehicle has good snow tires. Put them on the vehicle before the first snowfall. On front-wheel drive vehicles, it is best to put snow tires or "all-season" tires on all four wheels, not just the front. Snow tires with metal studs maybe used October 15 through March 31 of each year.

During ice or snowstorms, especially when a weather advisory is issued, do not drive unless it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, first clear the ice and snow from your vehicle, including the headlights and taillights, the windshield wipers and all of the windows. Be sure to use a freeze-resistant cleaning solution for the wipers and that the reservoir is filled adequately.

Drive slowly. Even if your vehicle has good traction in ice and snow, other drivers will be traveling with caution. Do not disrupt the flow of traffic by driving faster than everyone else drives. When sleet, freezing rain or snow starts to fall, remember that bridges, ramps, and overpasses are likely to freeze first. Also, be aware that slippery spots may remain after road crews have cleared the roadways.

An emergency situation on the road can happen at any time. Be prepared with a survival kit that should always remain in the vehicle and replenished after each use. Supplies include:

- A properly inflated spare tire, a shovel, jumper cables, tow and tire chains, a bag of salt or sand and a tool kit;
- Working flashlight and extra batteries, reflective triangles and brightly colored cloth, compass, first aid kit, exterior windshield cleaner, ice scraper, snow brush, matches in a waterproof container, blankets, woolen gloves, socks, hat; and
- Water and non-perishable foods that give you energy such as unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits and hard candy.

If you become stranded while traveling in cold weather, stay with your vehicle. Do not leave your vehicle unless you know exactly where you are and how far it is to help. Most deaths under these circumstances occur when people get out of their vehicles, become lost and suffer prolonged exposure to the cold. Stay calm, wait for help to arrive and use the following tips:

- Turn on your hazard warning lights;
- To attract attention, light two flares and place one at each end of the vehicle a safe distance away. Hang a brightly colored cloth from your driver side window, mirror or door handle;
- Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow and debris. Fumes from the exhaust can leak into the vehicle and can cause you to black out or even cause death;
- Run the engine and heater until the vehicle is reasonably warm and then turn it off. Repeat this process as long as fuel is available. Running the engine for approximately 10 minutes each hour, in order to charge the battery and warm the interior, is recommended;
- Even in extremely cold temperatures, leave at least one window partially open to let fresh air in. Occupants of an idling vehicle can suffer carbon monoxide poisoning if ventilation is not adequate and heavy snow and ice can seal a vehicle shut;
- At least one person in the vehicle should remain awake at all times; and
- To protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia use woolen items and blankets to keep warm.

## **SKIDDING**

Most of us think of ice and snow when we think of skidding. Remember that skidding can also happen on roads that are wet. Your car may start to “hydroplane” at speeds over 35 mph. Hydroplaning occurs when your front tires start to ride on water instead of the road. As you go faster, the problem becomes worse and you will lose control of your steering.

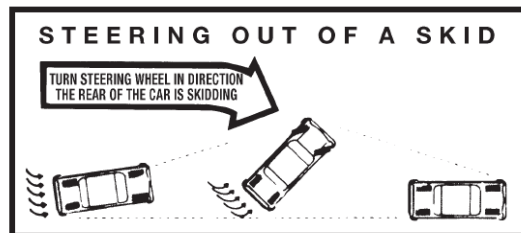
In Utah, we also have a special problem with “black ice.” Black ice is very difficult to see on the roadway and appears more like a wet spot than a patch of ice.

Unfortunately, many crashes occur each year from skids caused by black ice.



The best policy is to keep a skid from happening. Slow down to a speed at which you can control the car. If you do skid, slowly take your foot off the gas pedal. If your rear wheels skid to the right, turn your front wheels to the right. If the rear wheels skid to the left, turn left.

Do not steer too far though, as that will make the car skid in the other direction. Do not slam on your brakes. Once your car regains traction, straighten out your wheels.



## TORNADOS

Vehicles are notorious as death traps in tornadoes because they are easily tossed and destroyed. If you spot a tornado either leave the vehicle for sturdy shelter or drive out of the tornado's path. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges or overpasses. If a tornado moves through, winds will actually be stronger beneath the overpass due to a "wind tunnel effect." Bridges and overpasses provide little protection from flying objects.

## LIGHTNING

Only a hard-topped vehicle will protect you in a lightning storm. Make sure all doors are closed and windows are up. Do not touch any metal surfaces. Do not use radios connected to an external antenna mounted on the vehicle. Otherwise, the safest place to be during a thunderstorm is inside a well-constructed building with plumbing and electric wiring.

## FLOODING

Flooding can occur when streams and rivers flow over their banks, when dams or levees break, when there is run-off from deep snow or any time there is heavy rainfall. Floodwaters can be found on roads, bridges, and low areas. Flash floods can come rapidly and unexpectedly. They can occur within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainfall.

- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded roadway ahead, turn around and find another route to get to your destination.
- Be cautious, **especially at night**, when visibility is limited.
- Remember, six (6) inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.
- Two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles and pick-up trucks.
- Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can hide dips, or worse, floodwaters can damage roadways by washing away the underlying road surface.
- If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.

## DRIVING IN VERY HOT WEATHER

When driving in very hot weather pay special attention to the following items:

- **Tires** – check the tire mounting and air pressure. Inspect the tires every two hours or every 100 miles when driving in hot weather. Air pressure increases with temperature. Do not let air out or the pressure will be too low when the tires cool off.
- **Engine oil** – the engine oil helps keep the engine cool. Make sure there is enough oil. If you have an oil temperature gauge, make sure the temperature is within the proper range while you are driving.
- **Engine coolant** – before driving, make sure the engine cooling system has enough water and antifreeze. When driving check the water temperature or coolant temperature gauge from time to time. Make sure that it remains in the normal range. If the gauge goes above the highest safe temperature, there may be something wrong that could lead to engine failure and possibly fire. Stop driving as soon as safely possible to find out what is wrong.
- **Watch for bleeding tar** – tar in the road pavement frequently rises to the surface in very hot weather. Spots where tar “bleeds” to the surface can be very slippery so use caution when you see it.
- **Go slow enough to prevent overheating** – high speeds create more heat for tires and the engine. In desert conditions, the heat may build up to the point where it is dangerous. The heat will increase chances of tire failure, or even fire and engine failure.

## MINOR DRIVING AT NIGHT

- Driving is in connection with a driver’s employment, including the trip to and from the driver’s residence and the driver’s employment;
- The driver is driving to their residence from a school-sponsored activity if transportation to the activity is provided by a school or school district;
- The provided transportation commences from and returns to the school property where the driver is enrolled;
- The driver is on assignment of a farmer or rancher and the driver is engaged in an agricultural operation; or
- In an emergency.

## DISTRACTING SITUATIONS

Sometimes while driving you may drop something, lose a contact lens, be stung by a bee, or be distracted in some other way. Some people panic when something like this happens. They become more concerned with the problem than about their driving and often run off the road or into the car in front of them. Don’t let this happen to you. If you have a problem or there is a distraction, pull over to the side of the road immediately and then take care of the problem.

## VEHICLE SUBMERGED UNDERWATER

If you are in a crash and your vehicle enters a pond, lake, river or other body of water you should remain calm and assess the situation. If your vehicle enters water, it will only float on the surface for 30 to 60 seconds so make every attempt to get out of the vehicle immediately. First remove

your safety belt, then lower the window and climb onto the top of the vehicle. Before trying to swim away, assess the current of the water.

If the vehicle is sinking quickly and you cannot get the door or window open you will have to wait for the pressure to equalize. Take off heavy clothing that will cause you to sink, but keep your shoes on in case you have to kick the window to escape. When the water along the window is to your shoulder, try to open the door. If you are able to, there will still be a rush of water coming into the vehicle.

If you cannot open the door or window, there will be a small air pocket near the part of the vehicle which is highest in the water. If you can't get a side window open, take a breath and kick the window out. Go to the air pocket for one more breath and then escape.

## **MOUNTAIN DRIVING**

Mountain driving can be very different from normal driving conditions. Some hazards you should be aware of are steep hills, wildlife, rocks in the roadway, and changing weather conditions. Gravity plays a major role in mountain driving because it slows your vehicle down on an upgrade. To drive up hills and mountains that are steep, you need to use lower gears. When coming down steep hills or mountains gravity causes the speed of your vehicle to increase, therefore, you must select a safe speed, use proper braking techniques and use a low gear.

You should try to plan ahead and obtain information about any long steep grades along your planned route of travel. If possible, speak to other drivers who are familiar with the grades to find out what speeds are safe. Here are some more tips to use when driving up hills or mountains:

- If your vehicle experiences difficulty traveling up steep roadways, pull off the road at a safe place or stay in the right lane to allow other vehicles to pass;
- Pay special attention to speed limit signs and warning signs, such as those warning of curves, steep hills or other hazards;
- If a speed limit is posted or there is a sign indicating "Maximum Safe Speed," never exceed the speed shown;
- You must yield to vehicles going uphill if you are traveling downhill on a narrow road;
- Do not coast downhill by shifting into neutral or disengaging the clutch;
- Stay close to the right edge of the road to stay away from oncoming traffic; and
- Sound the horn when approaching any sharp curve on a narrow road where the view is obstructed.

## **RUNAWAY VEHICLE RAMPS**

You may **NOT** use a runaway vehicle ramp unless you are in an emergency situation requiring use of the ramp to stop your vehicle. You are prohibited from stopping, standing or parking on a runaway vehicle ramp or in the pathway of a runaway vehicle ramp.

## **DESERT DRIVING**

Desert driving is normally done on reasonably good roads with gas, food, water and accommodations available at convenient intervals. Unless you are really going off-road, most roads will be paved or gravel condition. Except during the winter months deserts get really hot, with daily

temperatures in the 100 degrees Fahrenheit range and with low to zero humidity. Here are some tips to use when driving in the desert:

- If you are not used to high temperatures, do not drive through the desert in summer. If you have to drive through the desert in the summer, stay on the freeways and use a vehicle with air conditioning;
- Always carry enough water for you and your passengers to survive in the desert if your vehicle breaks down;
- Also, carry water for your vehicle's radiator. The vehicle's cooling system can be affected, so watch the radiator temperature and coolant levels;
- If your vehicle breaks down in the desert, stay with it. Do not wander away from the vehicle unless it is to get help from a clearly-visible call box on the road or an inhabited building within a few minutes walk;
- When you are off the freeways or major highways, make sure you have enough gas and water. You can never have enough water and gas in the vehicle while driving in the desert;
- Do not take side roads off the freeway or highway unless you know for sure where they go.

## **AVOIDING COLLISIONS WITH ANIMALS**

You can reduce your chances of colliding with an animal by:

- Using caution when driving at dawn and dusk when animals are most active;
- Being alert when driving on roadways marked with deer crossing signs. These signs are placed in areas that have had a large number of deer/vehicle collisions;
- Looking well down the road and at the sides of the road;
- Slowing down and using caution when approaching animals that are standing near the roadway, they may bolt or change direction at the last minute and there may be other deer following;
- Not swerving to avoid the animal, your risk of personal injury may be greater if you do. Keep your vehicle under control and in the travel lane; and
- Watching for dogs and cats in residential areas and try to avoid hitting them.

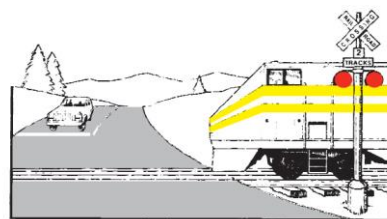
## **If You Need Help**

Pull to the side of the road, turn on your emergency flashers, raise your hood, and tie something white or orange on the antenna or left door handle.

## **RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

As the number of drivers increase, more and more people die at railroad crossings. In a car-train collision, the odds that those in the car will live are not very good. Learn what to do at railroad crossings so that you do not have a collision. Use extreme caution at all railroad crossings and remember:

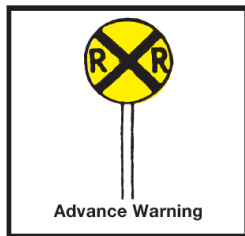
- Always slow down when you come to a railroad crossing;
- Never pass a car that is going your direction at a railroad crossing;



- Do not park closer than 50 feet from a railroad crossing unless signs indicate that you may or it is allowed by local law;
- When you stop at a crossing, you must be between 15 and 50 feet from the nearest rail;
- Trains sound their horns as they approach a crossing; therefore, turning down the car radio is a good safety measure;
- Every railroad crossing should be taken seriously;
- At night, do not assume that a train is not coming just because you do not see any light. Slow down or stop and look before crossing the tracks;
- If lights are flashing, you must come to a complete stop. You may not proceed while the lights are flashing. After coming to a complete stop, if you suspect the flashing lights are not working properly, you may drive through the railroad crossing only if you have a clear line of sight of at least one mile down the tracks in both directions, there is not evidence of an approaching train, and you can cross the tracks safely; and
- You may not drive through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while they are down or being opened or closed.

### Warning Devices

Public railroad crossings have been marked with warning devices for your safety by highway departments and the railroad companies. Learn what the warning devices are and watch for them. With these warning devices and caution on your part, railroad-crossing crashes may never happen.

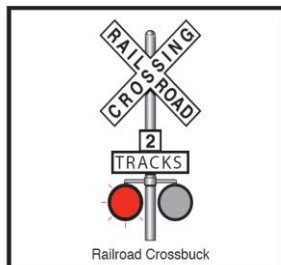


### Advance Warning Signs

Advance warning signs are posted before you reach the crossing and tell you to slow down, look, listen, and be prepared to stop at the crossing ahead.

### Pavement Markings

A stop line, an "X" and the letters "RR" may be painted on the pavement in front of railroad crossings. These markings warn you to be aware of the crossing ahead and to pay particular attention to the possible approach of a train.

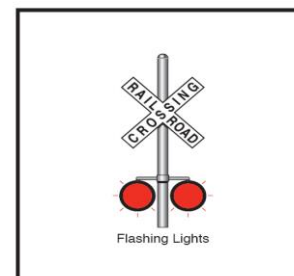


### Railroad Crossbuck Signs

Crossbuck signs are found at all public crossings. If there are more than one set of tracks, a sign below the crossbuck indicates the number of tracks. Be prepared to stop at the tracks if a train is coming. **You must yield to train traffic.**

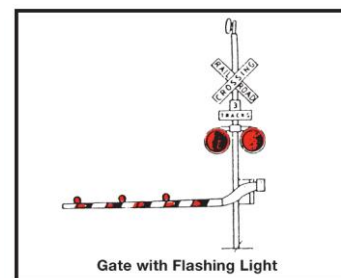
### Flashing Lights

Flashing lights and bells are used with crossbuck signs at many railroad crossings. Always STOP when lights begin to flash or bells begin to ring, which means a train is coming. If there are more than one set of tracks, make sure all tracks are clear before starting to cross.



## Gates

Gates are used with flashing light signals at some railroad crossings. Stop when the lights begin to flash and before the gates begin to lower across your lane of traffic. Remain stopped until the gates are raised and the lights stop flashing. **DO NOT DRIVE AROUND THE GATES.**



## Special Vehicles

- **Motorcycles and Bicycles** – riders should approach a railroad crossing with caution. Do not swerve to get a better angle for crossing.
- **School Buses** – drivers are required to stop at all railroad crossings. The driver must check both directions and listen for approaching trains, proceed only when it is clearly safe to do so and never shift gears on the crossing.
- **Trucks Carrying Hazardous Materials** – drivers are required to stop at all railroad crossings. Drivers should make a safe, gradual stop to minimize the possibility of causing a crash. Do not shift gears when crossing the tracks. When possible, reroute away from railroad crossings or use a crossing which utilizes flashing red lights and/or gates.

## GENERAL RAILROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

### Expect a Train on Any Track at Any Time

Freight trains do not travel on a predictable schedule; schedules for passenger trains change. Always expect a train at every highway-rail intersection.

### Private Property

Train tracks are private property, no matter which railroad owns them. Trains have the right of way 100% of the time — over ambulances, fire engines, cars, the police and pedestrians.

### Railroad Tracks

If there are rails on the railroad ties, assume that the track is in use, even if there are weeds or the track looks "rusty."

### Train Weight

A typical locomotive weighs approximately 400,000 pounds or 200 tons. When 100 railcars are added to the locomotive, the train can weigh approximately 6,000 tons.

**Note: The weight ratio of an automobile to a train is proportional to a soda can and an automobile.**

### Train Dimensions

A train may extend three feet or more outside the steel rail, which makes the safety zone for pedestrians well beyond the rails themselves.

### Train Braking

Trains cannot stop quickly. It is a simple law of physics: the huge weight and size of the train and the speed of the train dictate how quickly it can stop under ideal conditions. A 100-car freight train traveling at 55 miles per hour will need more than a mile to stop — that's approximately 18 football fields — once the train is set into emergency braking.

## **Miles of Tracks**

There are roughly 200,000 miles of railroad tracks in the United States.

## **Train Movement**

Trains can move in either direction at any time. Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. This is especially true in commuter and light rail passenger service.

## **Train and Noise**

Modern trains are quieter than ever, with no telltale "clackety-clack." Also, an approaching train will always be closer and moving faster than you think.

## **Railroad Crossings**

Cross tracks **ONLY** at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings. Observe and obey all warning signs and signals.

## **Train Speed**

Never walk down a train track; it's illegal and it's dangerous. By the time a locomotive engineer can see a trespasser or a vehicle on the tracks, it is too late. The train cannot stop quickly enough to avoid a collision.

**Remember, rail and recreation do not mix!**

For more information visit: [rideuta.com](http://rideuta.com)

**General Rail Safety Information courtesy of Operation Lifesaver Utah Safety Tips.**

## **SAFETY TIPS FOR USING RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

### **Expect a Train on Any Track at Any Time**

Most trains do not run on a fixed schedule. Be cautious at a railroad crossing any time of the day or night.

### **Don't Get Trapped on a Railroad Crossing**

Don't drive onto a railroad crossing until you are sure you can clear all the tracks safely. Once you have started across the tracks, keep going, even if you see a train coming.

Do not shift gears while crossing tracks - your car could stall.

### **Get Out of Your Vehicle if it Stalls**

If your vehicle stalls on a crossing, immediately get everyone out of the car and off the tracks. Notify local authorities immediately. If a train is coming, stay clear of the tracks and **Run toward the approaching train** at an angle away from the train. By moving in the direction of the approaching train, you will be less likely to be hit by flying debris. If no train is in sight, post lookouts and try to start or move the vehicle.

### **Watch Out for Second Trains**

When the last car of a train passes the crossing, do not proceed until you are sure no train is coming on another track, especially from the other direction.

### **Never Drive Around Gates**

If the gates are down, stay in place and do not cross the tracks until the gates are raised and **the lights stop flashing**.

### **Never Race a Train**

Racing a train to the crossing is foolish. You will never have another chance if you lose.

### **Watch for Vehicles That Must Stop at Railroad Crossings**

Be prepared to stop when you are following buses or trucks which are required to stop at railroad crossings.

### **Don't Misjudge the Speed and Distance of the Train**

The large size of engines and trains make them appear to be moving much slower than they really are. If there is any doubt, stop and wait for the train to pass.

### **At Night Be Especially Alert at Railroad Crossings**

Be sure you can stop within the distance illuminated by your headlights. Also be aware that lights on trains can malfunction and you might not see an approaching train until it is too late.

### **Obstructions**

Use common sense. If your view of the tracks is blocked, slow down and proceed with more caution than normal.

## **TRAX LIGHT RAIL AND STREETCARS**

Utah Transit Authority currently operates a light rail system throughout the Salt Lake valley. The system currently consists of over 45 miles of track and has 67 actively used grade crossings.

Light rail cars are powered by overhead electrical lines. Each car is 88 feet long and weighs approximately 88,000 pounds. Train size can vary from one to four cars in length. It is important to know that light rail vehicles accelerate quickly and can reach speeds up to 65 mile per hour within 21 seconds.

### **Never Try to Beat a Light Rail Train through a Railroad Crossing**

Light rail grade crossings must be treated in the same manner as all train crossings. Motorists must wait until the gates have **completely raised** and the **red lights have stopped flashing** before entering the crossing. It is also important to ensure there is enough room to completely clear the tracks before entering the crossing. **Never stop on the tracks.**

There are many areas where light rail trains operate through the same intersections and streets as automobiles. Extra attention to traffic signals and posted signs must be taken when driving in these areas.

Flashing Train Black-out sign. At some locations in the system, an overhead sign will flash the logo of a train. This means a train is approaching the area, you should pay extra attention to obey traffic signals at these intersections. The flashing train logo is **not** an indication to stop, but merely an additional warning device.



### Train Blackout Sign



### Typical Light Rail Signs



## VULNERABLE USERS OF THE HIGHWAY

Utah law defines a vulnerable user of the highway as:

- A pedestrian, including a person engaged in work upon a highway or utilities facilities along a highway or providing emergency services within the right-of-way of a highway;
- A person riding an animal;
- A person operating any of the following on a highway;
- Farm tractor or implement of husbandry, without an enclosed shell;
- Skateboard;
- Roller skates;
- In-line skates;
- Bicycle;
- Electric-assisted bicycle;
- Electric personal assistive mobility device;
- Moped;
- Motor-driven cycle;
- Motorized scooter;
- Motorcycle; or
- Wheelchairs.

A person who distracts or attempts to distract a vulnerable user of a highway with the intent to cause violence or injury, or force a vulnerable user off the roadway may be given a traffic citation. If convicted in court, this type of traffic citation will appear on a person's driving record and points will be assessed.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

People walking, jogging, riding bicycles, or operating pedestrian vehicles on the road can cause special problems for drivers.

Besides being hard to see, they sometimes do the unexpected. As a driver, you must always have your car under control and be ready to react to any sudden action of others using the roadway.

## STREET LEGAL ALL -TERRAIN TYPE 1, UTILITY OR FULL SIZE VEHICLES

It is possible to register an all-terrain type 1 vehicle (ATV), a utility vehicle (UTV), or a full-size all-terrain (FSV) vehicle as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle when certain conditions are met.

**All-terrain type I vehicle (ATV)**

Means any motor vehicle 52 inches or less in width, having an unladen dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, traveling on three or more low pressure tires, having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and designed for, or capable of travel over unimproved terrain.

**A Utility Type Vehicle (UTV)**

Is any recreational vehicle designed for and capable of travel over unimproved terrain. Traveling on four (4) or more tires and having a width that when measured at the widest point of the vehicle is not less than 30 inches and does not exceed 70 inches. An unladen dry weight of 2,200 pounds or less. Having a seat height of 25 to 40 inches when measured at the forward edge of the seat bottom. Having side by side seating with a steering wheel for control.

**Full-Sized All-Terrain Vehicle (FSV)**

Is any recreation vehicle designed for and capable of travel over unimproved terrain. Traveling on four (4) or more tires and having a width that, when measured at the widest point of the vehicle is not less than 55 inches and does not exceed 92 inches. Having an unladen dry weight of 6,500 pounds or less. Having a maximum seat height of 50 inches when measured at the forward edge of the seat bottom and having a steering wheel for control.

**Registration**

A street-legal all-terrain type 1, utility type vehicle, and full-size vehicle is subject to a safety inspection when registered for the first time and subsequently, on the same frequency based on the age of the vehicle as determined by the model year identified by the manufacturer. A street-legal ATV/UTV and FSV will also need to comply with county motor vehicle emissions inspections and maintenance programs.

**NOTE: A person operating an ATV/UTV and FSV shall have in his immediate possession a safety certificate or other evidence of compliance with the requirement to obtain a safety inspection.**

**Licensing**

The street-legal ATV/UTV and FSV shall comply with the same requirements as a motorcycle as to following traffic rules, registering, titling, odometer statement, vehicle identification, license plates, and registration fees.

**NOTE: If you have a class D or CDL, you are licensed to drive a street-legal ATV/UTV or FSV.**

**Highway Use**

All-terrain type I, a utility type vehicle or a full-size vehicle that meets the requirements may be operated as a street-legal ATV/UTV or a FSV on a street or highway that is a highway with one lane in each direction.

**NOTE: The street-legal ATV/UTV or FSV operating on a highway may not exceed the lesser of the posted speed limit or 50 miles per hour.**

**If operating on a highway with posted speed higher than 50 miles per hour the operator shall operate the street legal ATV/UTV or FSV on the extreme right hand side of the roadway, and shall equip the street-legal ATV/UTV with a reflector or reflective tape.**

## Requirements

A Street-legal ATV/UTV or FSV shall be equipped with:

- One or more headlamps;
- One or more tail lamps;
- Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp to illuminate the rear license plate with a white light;
- One or more red reflectors on the rear;
- One or more stop lamps on the rear;
- Amber or red electric turn signals, one on each side front and rear;
- A braking system, other than a parking brake;
- A horn or other warning device;
- A muffler and emission control system which complies with Utah requirements;
- Rearview mirrors on the left side of the driver;
- A windshield, unless the operator wears eye protection while operating the vehicle;
- A speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation; and
- Tires no larger than the tires the ATV manufacturer made available for the ATV, and have at least 2/32 inches or greater tire tread.

**NOTE: Anyone younger than 18 years of age is required to wear a DOT approved helmet.**

For information regarding the usage of, or to register for the youth training courses, contact the Department of Natural Resources State Parks and Recreation at (801) 538-7220, or the web address of [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov)

## SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. It is okay to drive around lowered railroad gates.

True or False

2. Anyone younger than 19 is required to wear a DOT approved helmet when riding a motorcycle.

True or False

## Test Answers

1. False 2. False

## SECTION 13

### HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR DRIVER LICENSE

#### This Section Covers

- Knowledge Test
- Scheduling Your Driver License Test
- Driving Skills (Road) Test
- How To Prepare For Your Driving Skills Test
- What to Expect
- Driver License Employees Want You To Pass
- Are All Tests The Same?
- Preparing for Your Driving Test
- Other Test Information
- Test Vehicle Requirements
- After Your Driving Skills Test
- Sample Test Questions

#### KNOWLEDGE TEST

The primary purpose of a knowledge test is to ensure you have the information needed to drive safely. The knowledge test measures a sample of what you know, but it shows you have a basic understanding of Utah laws and safe driving practices. The questions are based on the information provided in this manual. The test is not timed, but generally takes 30 to 35 minutes to finish and you must pass with a score of 80% or better. You may go to any full service driver license office to take the knowledge test.

#### Passing the Knowledge Test

If you pass the knowledge test you are eligible to take the skills tests. After you pass the knowledge test and receive your Learner's Permit, you may make an appointment to take the driving skills test at the same office where you received your Learner Permit. You must pass the eye, knowledge and the Skills Test to receive your Driver's License.

#### Failing the Knowledge Test

If you fail the knowledge test you should study the driver handbook further and retake the test. You may take the knowledge test twice in one day.

**Note: Please allow adequate time to complete the testing process by arriving at our office at least one hour prior to closing.**

## Sample Questions

These sample test questions will be very similar to the questions you will see on the knowledge test.

1. What is a benefit of using hand-to-hand steering?
  - a. You can more easily use other vehicle controls while steering.
  - b. Your hands cross over the steering wheel so you have more control of the vehicle.
  - c. Less chance of injury in the event of a frontal crash in a vehicle equipped with a driver side air bag.
2. Use antifreeze washer fluid because:
  - a. It will keep the fluid from freezing.
  - b. When fluid is cold it can scratch your windshield.
  - c. If your wiper blades are very cold, moisture will make them crack.
3. A Learner's Permit allows you to:
  - a. Operate a motor vehicle when supervised by another driver.
  - b. Operate a motor vehicle without supervision.
  - c. Observe another driver operate a motor vehicle.
4. If a pedestrian is crossing in the middle of the street, not at a crosswalk (also known as jaywalking) even if it is illegal, you:
  - a. Must stop for them.
  - b. Do not have to stop for them.
  - c. Should honk your horn at them.
5. If you are driving and you need to use your cell phone it is best to:
  - a. Carefully use your cell phone, but do not talk for a long time.
  - b. Stop in a safe parking area and then make the call.
  - c. Use a hands-free device so you can keep both hands on the steering wheel.
6. If you see a flooded roadway ahead:
  - a. Check to make sure it is not too deep and then cross carefully.
  - b. Stop your vehicle on the roadway.
  - c. Turn around and find another route to get to your destination.
7. At a 4-way stop:
  - a. The driver reaching the intersection first should be given the right-of-way.
  - b. The driver to the right should be given the right-of-way.
  - c. The driver to the left should be given the right-of-way.

## SCHEDULING YOUR DRIVER LICENSE TEST

### What to Bring With You

You will need to present the following items to the examiner prior to taking your Driver License Test. All items must be valid and for the correct vehicle:

- Valid Learner Permit;
- Valid registration card for the vehicle you plan to drive for the test;

- Proof of vehicle insurance; and
- The valid Driver License of the person, who is at least (21) years of age or a parent, guardian or spouse who is at least (18) years of age, accompanying you to the Driver License Office.

## **DRIVING SKILLS (ROAD) TEST**

The examiner may require you to demonstrate your driving ability. If so, you must provide the vehicle to be used. It must be properly registered and comply with vehicle safety laws, including functioning safety belts. The vehicle may be rejected if its condition could cause harm to the examiner's person or clothes. The license applicant and the examiner are the only occupants allowed in the vehicle during the skills test.

In addition to road rules and regulations, you will be evaluated on the use of proper driving techniques and other important elements of safe driving, such as your general behavior and attitude. During the skills test, you will not be asked to do anything that is against the law. The following is a partial list on which you may be judged during the test:

Driving posture + Observance of traffic signs and signals + Left and right turns + Proper use of lanes + Backing + Starting and stopping + U-turns + Attention at intersections + Steering + Parking on hills and between vehicles + Coordination + Three point turns + Parallel parking

**If you fail the skills test, you will be expected to practice before taking another test. You may only take one skills test in a day and may have to wait several days or weeks before attempting additional tests. The failure to pass all the required tests in three (3) attempts will result in having to pay another fee (two attempts for CDL). All tests must be completed within six (6) months from the day you pay your fee.**

Any person may be asked to complete additional testing if the examiner feels the applicant's ability to drive may be in question.

**NOTE: Skills tests (including motorcycle skills tests) are given by appointment only.**

## **HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR DRIVING SKILLS TEST**

To be successful on your driving skills test it is recommended that you practice with a parent/guardian or friend, who is properly licensed and over the age of 21.

Practice driving in low traveled, residential areas until you are confident you can drive in other types of traffic situations, such as urban areas and expressways.

For a video presentation on the driving skills test, please visit:

[youtube.com/watch?v=RTUCmTbPQfo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTUCmTbPQfo)

You will drive over a test route that may have a variety of traffic situations. You will follow the directions of the examiner. Directions will be given to you so you will have plenty of time to do what the examiner has asked. You will not be asked to drive in an unsafe manner. At all times during the test, you must drive safe and responsibly. During the driving test, the examiner will be scoring you on specific driving maneuvers as well as your general driving behavior.

During the skills test you will be asked to demonstrate some of the basic control skills exercises (e.g. two-point turns, three-point turns, parallel parking, straight line backing, and lane changes) in a real world setting. The examiner will provide you with instructions.

### **Turns**

- You have been asked to make a turn. As you approach the turn:
  - Check traffic in all directions, use the correct turn signal, brake smoothly and evenly and safely get into the correct lane needed for the turn.
- If you must stop before making the turn because of traffic, signals or signs:
  - Smoothly come to a complete stop without skidding behind the stop line, crosswalk, or stop sign. A safe gap when stopping behind another vehicle is to stop where you can see the rear tires of the vehicle ahead of you. Keep the front wheels aimed straight ahead.
- When ready to turn:
  - Check traffic in all directions. Keep both hands on the steering wheel during the turn. Maintain smooth even acceleration and yield to pedestrians and other traffic. Keep checking your mirror to make sure the vehicle does not hit anything on the inside of the turn. Do not move into oncoming traffic or drive over the curb. Keep the vehicle in the proper lane.
- After turn:
  - Make sure you finish completing the turn in the correct lane and that your turn signal has cancelled. Accelerate to the speed of traffic, use your turn signal, check your blind spots by looking over your shoulder (head check), check your mirrors and move into the right-most lane when it is safe to do so (if not already there.)

### **Intersections**

- As you approach an intersection:
  - Check traffic thoroughly in all directions. Brake smoothly and evenly and maintain lane position.
- When stopping at an intersection:
  - Come to a complete stop behind any stop signs, signals, sidewalks, or stop lines. If stopping behind another vehicle maintain a safe gap. You should be able to see the rear tires of the vehicle ahead of you.
- When driving through an intersection:
  - Check traffic thoroughly in all directions. Keep both hands on the wheel and slow down and yield to any pedestrians or traffic in the intersection. Do not change lanes while proceeding through the intersection.
- Once through the intersection:
  - Continue checking mirrors and traffic behind you. Accelerate smoothly. If there are multiple lanes of traffic, accelerate to the speed of traffic, use your turn signal, check your blind spots by looking over your shoulder (head check), check your mirrors and move into the right-most lane when it is safe to do so (if not already there.)

## **Lane Changes**

During multiple lane portions of the test, you will be asked to change lanes to the left, and then back to the right. You should make the necessary traffic checks first by looking in your mirrors and checking your blind spots by looking over your shoulder (head check.) Make sure you use the correct turn signal and smoothly change lanes when it is safe to do so. Cancel your turn signal upon completion and check traffic.

## **Traffic Signs**

During the skills test you will be asked to identify a number of traffic signs. They can be located anywhere on the skills test. If the examiner asks you what road sign you just passed you should be able to tell the examiner.

## **General Driving**

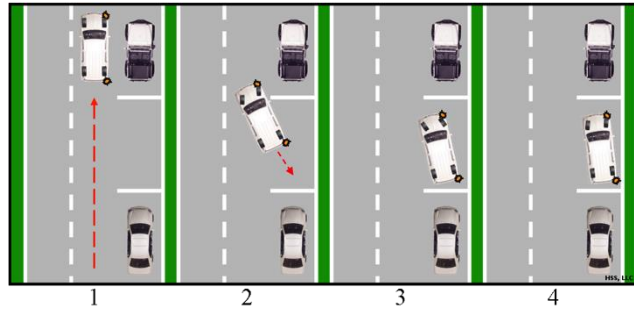
- Proper braking:
  - Do not brake harshly. Brake smoothly using steady pressure. Come to a complete stop at traffic signs or signals.
- Proper steering:
  - Keep both hands on the outside of the steering wheel at all times unless using other controls. Once you have completed using other controls return both hands to the steering wheel. All methods of steering are acceptable (i.e., hand-over-hand and push/pull) as long as both hands are on the outside of the wheel.
- Proper lane usage:
  - Do not put vehicle over curbs, sidewalks or lane markings. Complete a turn in the proper lane on a multiple lane road (vehicle should finish a left turn in the left-most lane, the one directly to the right of the centerline.) Finish a right turn in the right-most (curb) lane. Move to or remain in the right-most lane unless lane is blocked. Do not attempt lane changes at intersections.
- Regular traffic checks/head checks:
  - Check traffic and mirrors regularly. Check traffic and mirrors before, while in and after an intersection, turn or lane change. Watch for hazards by searching left and right at intersections, driveways, store entrances, railroad tracks or any other areas where traffic intersects. Scan and check traffic in high volume areas and areas where pedestrians are expected to be present. Check traffic by looking over your shoulder (head check) when necessary (i.e. lane change, merging.)
- Use of turn signals:
  - Use turn signals when required. Activate turn signals at appropriate times. Do not signal too early or too late. Cancel turn signals upon completion of a turn or lane change.
- Stopping at stop line or crosswalk or gap:
  - When stopping at a stop sign or traffic signal do not stop over marked stop line, pedestrian crosswalk, sidewalk or other marker. Do not stop vehicle in the intersection. When stopping behind another vehicle make sure you can see the rear wheels of the vehicle in front of you.



## Parallel Parking

When initiating a parallel park:

- Find a parking space. Check traffic, signal and head check;
- Pull up parallel to the vehicle you are parking behind;
- When traffic is clear, shift to reverse and look to the rear;
- Back slowly while turning the steering wheel quickly. Continue backing until your front bumper is in line with the rear bumper of the vehicle you are parking behind;
- Keep backing slowly while turning the steering wheel rapidly. Center your vehicle in the space; and
- Stop before touching the bumper of the vehicle behind you. Shift to drive and adjust your position in the space. The vehicle should be no more than 12 inches from the curb.



When exiting:

- Check traffic and apply the brake. Shift to reverse and back up close to the vehicle parked behind you;
- Check for traffic and signal. Shift to drive and move forward slowly. Steer out into the lane;
- Make sure that the front bumper of your vehicle will clear the vehicle ahead. If not, shift to reverse and adjust; and
- Move into the traffic lane when the doorpost of your vehicle clears the rear bumper of the vehicle ahead of you.

## Dangerous Actions/Automatic Failures

If any of the following errors occur during the skills test, the test will result in automatic failure. These are some of the instances that will cause an automatic failure:

- If you receive a traffic citation for a moving violation, disobey signs or signals, speed, roll through stops, or ignore traffic laws;
- If you do not yield to pedestrians or other roadway users;
- If you are involved in an avoidable crash or if your vehicle has physical contact with other vehicles, objects or pedestrians;
- If you commit any unsafe act or if another driver is forced to take evasive actions in order to prevent a crash;
- If you put the vehicle over sidewalks or curbs unnecessarily; or
- If the examiner has to take control of the vehicle.

## Conclusion

At the end of the tests, the examiner will discuss the results of each test and provide recommendations for possible improvement.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

You can expect to be treated with respect, fairness, and courtesy during the entire examination process. If you were not treated in this manner, please contact the office supervisor.

## **DRIVER LICENSE EMPLOYEES WANT YOU TO PASS**

Many people take their driving test when they have not sufficiently prepared or have not practiced enough. Others get very nervous because they don't know what to expect.

Remember, the DLD examiner will ride with you only to make sure that you can drive safely and obey traffic laws. Your driving test will last about 20 minutes and will consist of basic maneuvers mentioned above.

The examiner is there to ensure you have demonstrated you can handle your vehicle in regular traffic situations safely, not to trick you. During your driving test, the examiner will note how you obey the rules of the road and traffic signs and/or signals. He/she will note other areas in which you may need improvement and recognize good driving habits.

The DLD wants you to pass your driving test. Study this handbook, relax and do your best.

## **ARE ALL TESTS THE SAME?**

The driving skills test for the basic license class (Class D) is the same for all drivers regardless of age. An adult driver takes the same type of driving test as a teenage driver. A driver with a physical and/or mental condition may take additional tests to determine their ability to drive safely.

### **Safe Driving Tips**

Practice these tips to improve your driving skills:

- Steer smoothly at all times with both hands on the outside of the wheel. May use hand-over-hand or push-and-pull method.
- Accelerate smoothly. Don't race the engine or make it stall.
- Stop the vehicle gently. Start braking well ahead of where you must stop to avoid sudden "jerks." Know where to stop. Be aware of crosswalks. If your view is blocked at a crosswalk, move forward carefully and look both ways before entering the intersection.
- Be sure your vehicle is in the correct gear. Don't grind the gears. Don't coast to a stop.
- Always obey the posted speed limits. If needed, reduce your speed to adjust for existing weather, road, and other traffic conditions.
- Follow at a safe distance. Use the two-second rule. Increase your following distance in bad weather or poor visibility.
- Know what the traffic signals mean and obey them at all times.
- Always use the proper lane. Turn from the correct lane into the correct lane.
- Signal for all lane changes and turns.
- Always look for potential hazards (scan.) Check your mirrors frequently. Always look over the proper shoulder before making lane changes, pulling away from the curb or making turns.
- Drive defensively. Anticipate another driver's errors.

If you are unsure about your driving skills, review the Utah Driver Handbook.

## OTHER TEST INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please ask the examiner **before** your driving test begins. During the test, the examiner will ask you questions or give you directions, but he/she will not engage in general conversation.

## TEST VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

You must provide the vehicle for your driving skills test. You must ensure the vehicle you use for your driving skills test is registered, clean and free of unnecessary debris and odor, and is safe to drive. To avoid having to reschedule your test please ensure that your vehicle has:

- Two license plates. The rear plate must show current registration;
- Both front and back turn signal lights and working brake lights;
- A working horn designed for the vehicle;
- Tires with no bald spots;
- Adequate brake pressure (you will be asked to step on the brake pedal to see if it works properly);
- A driver's side window that rolls down;
- A windshield that allows a full unobstructed field of vision;
- Two rear view mirrors (one must be on the outside, to the driver's left);
- Driver and front passenger doors that open from both the inside and outside;
- A passenger seat permanently attached to the vehicle;
- Working safety belts;
- Working emergency/parking brake.

## AFTER YOUR DRIVING SKILLS TEST

Learning to drive safely does not end with your driving test. Your license means you have met the driving test requirements. However, in everyday driving you will have to deal with many situations and problems you did not encounter on your driving test. The best ways to deal with unexpected situations is to always use the same, safe driving habits and the responsible attitude you demonstrated on your driving test.

## GOOD LUCK!

**Remember to complete the Traffic Safety and Trends Exam prior to applying for a license. See page 1-7 for more information.**

## APPENDIX A

### OPTIONAL INFORMATION

#### This Section Covers

- **Becoming an Organ Donor**
- **Voluntary Contributions**
- **Sample Test Questions**

### BECOMING AN ORGAN DONOR

You have the power to save lives, by becoming an organ and tissue donor.

#### Why Should I Consider Organ and Tissue Donation?

People who choose to become organ and tissue donors see it as a way to make a difference in the world. They say it feels good to know they can help others. As of May 2015 about 123,300 patients in the U.S. are waiting for life-saving organ transplants. That's more people than most football or baseball stadiums can seat, and the list grows each day.



#### How Do I Sign Up To Be A Donor?

When applying for or renewing your driver license or state ID, you have the opportunity to register your wish to be an organ, eye or tissue donor. You will then be registered on the Yes Utah Donor Registry.

If you do **not** wish to be an organ, eye or tissue donor, nothing further needs to be done.

One organ donor can potentially save the lives of nine (9) people. Someone who donates tissues can help over 50 people. An open casket funeral is still possible and there is NO Charge to the donor's family for the recovery of organs and tissues.

It also is important to tell your family and significant others that you wish to be a donor so they can serve as your advocate and speak on your behalf at your time of death. In addition, it is helpful to cover all your bases by carrying a donor card in your wallet and telling your physician, faith leader and attorney of your intent.

You may have more questions about organ and tissue donation. To get the facts, contact:

- Yes Utah at [yesutah.org](http://yesutah.org) or 866-937-8824
- Donate Life America at [donatelife.net](http://donatelife.net) or 1-800-355-7427
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov)

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The following opportunities have been made available for Utah residents to make a voluntary contribution to one or more organizations. The voluntary contributions are not part of the driver license, driving privilege card, identification card, or vehicle registration fees.

**Friends For Sight**

Utah residents may make a voluntary contribution of \$2.00 for vision screening when applying for a vehicle registration, a driver license, a driving privilege card, or an identification card, or a renewal of any of the four. The contribution will be forwarded to Friends For Sight.

For more information, please visit: [friendsforsight.org](http://friendsforsight.org)

**Organ Donation**

Utah residents may make a voluntary contribution of \$2.00 to the Organ Donation Contribution Fund when applying for a vehicle registration, a driver license, a driving privilege card, or an identification card, or renewal of any of the four. The funds will be administered by the Department of Health and dispersed to organizations that promote and support organ donation, assist in maintaining and operating a statewide organ donation registry and provide donor awareness education. For more information, please visit: [yesutah.org](http://yesutah.org)

**Mobility Assistance**

Utah residents may make a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 to the “Out and About” Homebound Transportation Assistance Fund when applying for a driver license or identification card, or a renewal of either. The funds will be administered by the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, and will be used for public transportation assistance for seniors or people with disabilities. For more information, please visit: [dspd.utah.gov](http://dspd.utah.gov)

**Emergency Contact Database**

A Utah license certificate holder or identification card holder may provide the Division with information for two (2) individuals who may be contacted by law enforcement in the event of a motor vehicle crash or other emergency situation if the certificate holder is unable to communicate with the contact person(s.)

The license holder may provide this information to the Division by completing a form at any Utah driver license office or through the internet at [dld.utah.gov](http://dld.utah.gov)

**SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. You have the power to save lives through organ and tissue donations.  
True or False
2. You may make a \$2.00 donation to Friends for Sight  
True or False

**Test Answers**

1. True 2. True

## APPENDIX B

### MOTORCYCLES

#### Sharing the Roadway: Motorists & Motorcycles in Traffic

##### This Section Covers

- Driving and Riding
- Lights and Signals
- Following Distance
- Lane Position
- Blind Spots
- Intersections
- Passing and Being Passed
- Road Hazards
- Sample Test Questions

#### DRIVING AND RIDING

As vehicle patterns change, motorists are learning that other vehicles on the roadway are not operated in the same manner as an automobile. The motorcycle is obviously different from a car in size and handling.

**The Motorcyclist**, for instance, uses his/her hands to operate throttle, clutch, front brake, as well as turn signals, light switches, and horn. In addition, the motorcyclist maintains steering control with his/her hands.

**The Motorist**, by comparison, uses his/her hands only to operate turn signals, light switches, horn, and steering wheel – and steering is frequently power assisted.

**The Motorcyclist** is exposed to all the elements. The motorcyclist relies on all his/her senses, including touch, in operating the motorcycle. Clothing is dictated by this exposure: motorcycle helmet manufactured to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards, eye protection, over-the-ankle boots, full-fingered gloves, long sleeved jacket, and long pants all protect the rider.

**The Motorist**, by contrast, is protected by lots of steel in an enclosed compartment. Operation is within the vehicle, and insulated from traffic noises and weather. Four wheels and heavy weight offer stability.

**The Motorcyclist** must add skills of balance and heightened awareness to the other skills necessary for safe vehicle operation. The motorcyclist must be more alert than the motorist because he/she is relatively inconspicuous in traffic. He/she must ride assuming that motorists who don't see him/her in traffic constantly violate his/her right-of-way.

It is vital for motorists to condition themselves to look for motorcyclist in traffic. The appearance of a motorcycle in traffic situations when the motorist is not prepared can lead to a hazardous

situation. A University of Southern California (USC) study showed that motorists' failure to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominant cause of motorcycle crashes. The driver of the vehicle did not see the motorcycle before the collision, or did not see it until it was too late to avoid the crash. Motorcyclists are not difficult to see if the motorist expects to see them. **"I didn't see him," usually results from not looking for a motorcyclist.**

Both the motorist and the motorcyclist can benefit from using a simple system to heighten awareness of potential problems while on the roadway. It's known as **SEE** process and consists of the following steps:

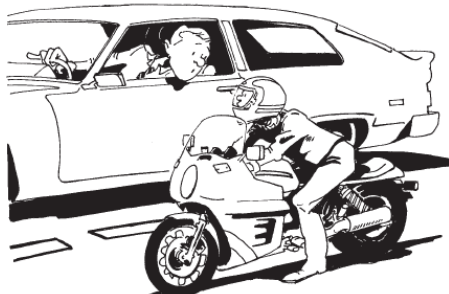
**S- Search for factors in the area**

**E- Evaluate the potential risks and options**

**E- Execute with control and precision**

This process causes drivers to scan ahead for potential trouble spots. You learn not to fix your gaze on any one object for more than a moment. How and where to look for hazards will become automatic and safer highway sharing will be the result.

Attitude plays an important part in creating a safe highway environment. Sharing the roadway is a good indication that motorists and motorcyclist both recognize the importance of cooperation. By curbing aggressive behavior and operating the vehicles in accordance with common sense, courtesy, and the law, motorists and motorcyclists can ride together on the road.



Today motorcycle riders are friends, relatives, and neighbors. The motorcyclist has the same rights and responsibilities on the roadway as drivers of other vehicles. Motorists should recognize this and not attempt to crowd motorcycles or take the right-of-way from motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists, on the other hand, must operate as responsible road users and not take unsafe advantage of the motorcycle's narrow silhouette and maneuverability.

## **LIGHTS AND SIGNALS**

Communication with other roadway users is an important part of vehicle operation. This is true for both motorists and motorcyclists.

Hand signals are a fast-disappearing technique for communicating. Motorists should pay attention to the electric



turn signals on motorcycles, and riders should heed the turn signals of the vehicle ahead.

**The Motorist** must be careful not to misinterpret a rider's intentions. You must remember that **most motorcycle turn signals are not self-canceling** like those of an automobile. The turn signals could be inadvertently left on even after a turn is completed. Be aware that a motorcyclist riding with his/her turn signal on is not always going to turn.



headlight use at all times by law. Most motorcycle headlights come on automatically when the engine is started.

**The Motorcyclist** must use signals and lane position to communicate with other roadway users. Remember to cancel your signal after a turn so you do not confuse other drivers. You can use hand signals to augment the electric turn signal, especially if you are unsure others see the original signal. One means of making the motorcycle more visible in traffic is to use headlights during the daytime. Some states require

## FOLLOWING DISTANCE

Being able to judge distances accurately is one of the most important abilities any motorist or motorcyclist can have.

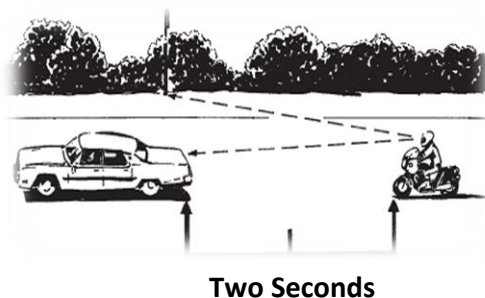
Tailgating of other vehicles by motorcyclists, or motorcyclists by other vehicles – is a hazardous, unwise practice. Insufficient stopping room and reduced ability to see conditions ahead may cause both riders and drivers to make incorrect decisions. This leads to crashes.

**The Motorist** can handle a tailgater in several ways. Flash the brake lights or pull off the road when conditions permit. Increasing your following distance from the vehicle in front of you will give you more time to react so you will not be forced to brake suddenly, nor cause the tailgater to do so as well.

**The Motorcyclist** can choose any of their methods, but must also be conscious of riding in a position to discourage lane sharing.

**Both Rider and Driver** should know what a safe following distance is, and how to maintain it under traffic conditions.

### Two-Second Following Distance





Using the two-second count is a simple way to establish a safe following distance on a clear, sunny day. The rider or driver should pick a fixed point (shadow, pavement marker, or pole) ahead of the lead vehicle. Once the lead vehicle has passed the point, the motorist or motorcyclist should be able to count off two seconds (one-thousand, one-thousand two) before passing the reference point.

Following distance establishes time and space in which to maneuver or respond. It is not enough space to stop. Therefore, following distance should be adjusted depending upon roadway conditions.

Advantages of a safe following distance are:

- Ability to be seen;
- Ability to see around and over other vehicles;
- Time and space to react to road-surface changes covered by preceding vehicles; and
- Time and space to react to vehicles ahead

## **LANE POSITION**

Because of a motorcycle's size, its position within a lane of traffic will change as traffic conditions change.

**The Motorcyclist** should choose a position in the lane to be seen. This sometimes means you will ride in the left portion of a traffic lane.

This position gives him/her a better view of traffic and the road ahead, as well as making the motorcycle more visible to other traffic in most situations.

As a motorcyclist, you should change position within your lane as needed to maximize distance from potential hazards.

Lateral movements within a lane may be necessary at times to increase your chance of being seen. Avoid riding for any length of time in a driver's blind spot. Experienced riders realize that the best position within a lane of traffic is dictated by the situation.

**The Motorist** should respect the vehicle space of a motorcycle and its position in traffic. Although there is often enough room, refrain from sharing a lane with a motorcyclist. The rider needs that space to maneuver for safety reasons.

## **BLIND SPOTS**

**The Motorcyclist**, due to its relatively small size, is sometimes difficult to see. Coupled with the fact that all automobiles have blind spots to the left and right rear, problems can occur. This is especially true when motorists do not expect motorcycles to appear in the traffic stream.

**The Motorist**, in developing proper search patterns in traffic, should always be on the lookout for the unexpected. Expect to see motorcycles in traffic at any time.



**The Motorcyclist** can minimize the problem of blind spots by spending as little time as possible in the blind spot of an automobile. Take a position that offers maximum visibility of your motorcycle to other traffic. You should avoid riding too closely behind large trucks or cars. Like other motor vehicles, the motorcycle also has blind spots to the left and right. A mirror and a head check is required for motorcyclists making lane changes or turning.

## INTERSECTIONS

According to the USC study, intersections are the most likely place for motorcycle crashes to occur.

**For crashes involving a motorcycle and another vehicle, the other vehicle violates the motorcyclist's right-of-way two-thirds of the time.**

**The Motorist** should be prepared to yield the right-of-way to oncoming vehicles, including motorcycles. A motorcycle's small size (which makes it difficult to spot in traffic) requires you, as a driver, to aggressively and consciously look for motorcycles in changing traffic situations. Determining the speed of an oncoming motorcycle is not easy. Whether it is a day or night, when you spot a motorcycle, make sure you have accurately judged its speed and distance.

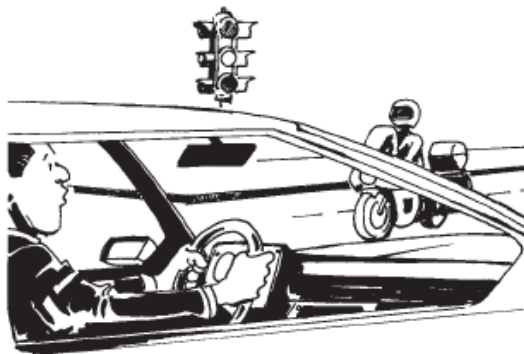
The small silhouette and lack of accurate reference scale can lead to misjudging the actual distance between the car and the motorcycle. Give the scene a second look and your decision a second thought.

**The Motorcyclist** should approach intersections with caution. Never assume the other vehicle's driver's see you and will yield. Before riding through an intersection, check traffic from the right, left, rear, and front. Especially check oncoming traffic for vehicles that may be turning left. The USC study found that about 25 percent of all motorcycle crashes studied were the result of the other vehicle turning left across a motorcyclist's path.



At intersections where vision is limited by buildings, parked vehicles, and shrubbery, traffic hazards may be obscured. **The MOTORIST AND MOTORCYCLIST** should slow down, check traffic and adjust position.

Special problems arise at signal-controlled intersections. Drivers and riders should be aware that cross traffic may be going through the intersection on a yellow light. Also, oncoming motorists may try to make a quick left turn in front of other traffic.



**The Motorcyclist** should be aware that home driveways present special hazards. Since automobiles are often backed out of driveways, the driver may have difficulty seeing an oncoming motorcycle. Make sure the driver sees you before you reach the driveway entrance. Also, slow down and be prepared to stop.

Remember that alleys, parking lot corners, traffic circles, and highway entrance and exit ramps are also intersections. These require motorcyclists to exercise the same care used when approaching the more typical street intersections.



## PASSING AND BEING PASSED

The rules for passing other vehicles are similar for motorcycles. The most important considerations: Do the other vehicle operators see me? Do I have time and space to complete the maneuver safely?

**The Motorist** being overtaken by a motorcycle should maintain lane position and speed, allowing the motorcyclist to complete the pass and assume proper lane position as quickly and safely as possible.

When passing a motorcycle, allow a full lane to the motorcycle – never crowding the motorcycle in the same lane. Avoid returning to the original lane too early. You may cause the motorcyclist to swerve into traffic to avoid you, or you might force him/her off the road. Either way, it could cause a crash or injuries.

**The Motorcyclist** should pass only when it is safe. Before passing, you should make sure your motorcycle is in the left portion of the lane at a safe following distance. Avoid crowding the automobile when passing.

**Both Motorist and Motorcyclist** should avoid accelerating when being passed – this action is discourteous, improper, and hazardous. Both rider and driver should use mirrors and head checks of traffic to ensure that the passing maneuver can be accomplished safely.



## ROAD HAZARDS

Most drivers take for granted the ability of their automobile to handle minor road hazards such as potholes or railroad tracks. What are minor problems for four-wheeled vehicles can be major problems for two-wheeled motorcycles.

For motorcyclists, potholes, railroad tracks, oil slicks puddles, road debris, ruts, and other hazards may require sudden changes of lane position and direction.

**The Motorist** needs to be alert to how the motorcyclist “sets up” when encountering such hazards. You should expect the motorcyclist to make sudden changes in position and directions. Drive accordingly.

**The Motorcyclist** can watch the movement of vehicles ahead for clues to road hazards. Keep an appropriate following distance so you have time to react. If possible, you should try to go around an obstacle rather than over it, and reduce speed as needed before reaching it.

While the road surface is important to safe vehicle operation for drivers or motorists, it is *critical* to motorcyclists. Sand, mud, and water force the motorcyclist to ride with extreme caution to avoid skidding or sliding. Even wet paint stripes can increase the likelihood of a skid.



**For The Motorcyclist**, it is imperative to be aware of road conditions and give yourself plenty of time and space to react.

**For The Motorist**, it is imperative to be aware of how road conditions can affect motorcycle operation so you are not surprised by the rider’s actions.

## Sharing The Road

This driving attitude by both motorcyclists and other highway users will make our roadways safe place for all.

Making this a reality requires **MOTORISTS** actively looking for and granting motorcyclists their space on the roadway coupled with **MOTORCYCLISTS** operating within the rules of the road.

**“Sharing the Roadway: Motorists & Motorcycles” courtesy of Motorcycle Safety Foundation.**

### **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. The Two-Second rule is a good rule to follow when you are following behind a motorcyclist.  
True or False
2. It is extremely important to check your blind spots before turning or changing lanes when driving near a motorcyclist.  
True or False

Test Answers

1. True 2. True

## **APPENDIX C**

### **IDENTITY FRAUD**

#### **This Section Covers**

- Identity Fraud Prevention
- Sample Test Questions

### **IDENTITY FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION**

#### **The Problem**

The issue of preventing identity fraud has always been a key concern for the Division. Nationally and locally, the cases of identity fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission ID Theft Database show an alarming trend. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

Utah law states a person is guilty of identity fraud when that person knowingly or intentionally: “Obtains personal identifying information of another person and uses, or attempts to use, that information with fraudulent intent, including obtaining, or attempting to obtain, credit, goods, services, any other thing of value, or medical information.”

**Identity fraud is a felony.**

#### **What is the Driver License Division doing about it?**

The Driver License Division has an ongoing program to train its employees to identify fraudulent documents. Technological advances are being utilized to both identify fraudulent documents and safeguard the documents issued by the Division. The Driver License Division cooperates fully with all local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in identifying and prosecuting cases of identity fraud.

#### **What can you do to protect yourself?**

Keep your personal identification documents such as birth certificates, social security card, and marriage certificates in a secure location. Carry with you only the information and bankcards that you need. Guard your mail and trash from theft. Don't give out personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or are sure you know with whom you are dealing. Before giving out any personal information ask how that information will be used and secured. Annually review your credit report and closely examine all your financial statements. Stay informed. The Federal Trade Commission has a great deal of information available in printed form and on the Internet. Their web address is: [consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov)

## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. To help protect your identity, you should keep your personal documents in a secure location.  
True or False
2. Utah law states a person is guilty of identity fraud if that person knowingly or intentionally obtains personal identifying information from another person and uses or attempts to use that information fraudulently.  
True or False

Test answers

1. True 2. True

## **APPENDIX D**

### **CRASHES AND INSURANCE**

#### **This Section Covers**

- Financial Responsibility Act
- Providing Security After A Crash
- The Utah Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law
- Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage
- SR-22 Insurance
- Release of Crash Information
- If You Are Involved In a Crash
- Sample Test Questions

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT**

The Financial Responsibility Act is designed to protect the public from losses due to motor vehicle crashes. This law requires that you have your vehicle or yourself, as a driver, insured. Failure to obey this law could result in the:

- Loss of your driver license;
- Motor vehicle registration; and
- License plates.

To regain these items, you must provide proof of adequate financial security; pay required reinstatement fees, and fines up to \$1,000.

### **PROVIDING SECURITY AFTER A CRASH**

There are two ways you can provide the required security after a crash in which you were the at-fault driver:

1. Depositing money with the Financial Responsibility Section in the amount of the loss suffered by the other parties involved; or
2. Showing that at the time of the crash you were covered by automobile liability insurance. If you were not covered by such insurance, you must file one of the following:
  - a. Evidence that you have been released from liability by all parties involved in the crash;
  - b. Evidence that you have agreed in writing to make payments for any damages or injuries suffered by the other party or parties;
  - c. Evidence that you have been found not liable by a court of law; or
  - d. Evidence that the operator was in compliance with the operator's security requirement.

If your driving privilege is suspended under this act, it may be reinstated by complying with one of the above listed procedures or one year following the effective date of suspension, if no civil action arising out of the accident has been instituted.



### Unsatisfied Judgments

A court may render a judgment against you for damages to other injured parties. If this judgment is not satisfied within 60 days after the court decision, your driving privilege will be taken away. This rule may apply not only to drivers, but also to those who own or maintain the vehicle. If your license is taken away, the suspension will be in effect until the judgment is satisfied and you have filed “future proof” of financial responsibility in the form of an SR-22.

### THE UTAH MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW

Requires that every resident owner of a motor vehicle, including motorcycles:

- Shall maintain owner’s; or
- Operator’s security (proof of financial responsibility) in effect at any time the motor vehicle is operated on a highway or on a quasi-public road or parking area within the state

Anyone who knowingly operates a motor vehicle, or permits one to be operated without owner’s security:

- Is guilty of a class B misdemeanor and may have their driving privileges suspended or revoked; and
- Their vehicle impounded. Motor vehicle insurance is the most convenient and least expensive way to comply with this law

### MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE COVERAGE

The most important types of insurance “coverage” are:

- **Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability** – mandatory coverage that provides payment for injuries or damages caused through your negligence to another person or another person’s property. This coverage can be used to meet the requirements of the Utah Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law.
- **Uninsured Motorist** – covers injuries to you and your passengers if you are in a crash that is caused by another driver who does not have insurance or by a “hit-and-run” driver. Property damage losses are not normally paid under this coverage.
- **Personal Injury Protection** (also known as “No-fault” or “PIP”) – mandatory and provides some basic benefits and coverage for bodily injury to you and others without having to determine “fault” in a crash.
- **Collision** – covers repairs to your vehicle for damage caused by a collision, subject to a deductible, usually in a case when no other person is at fault. This coverage is not required by law, but is usually required by a lien holder.
- **Comprehensive** – covers repairs to your vehicle for damage caused by some reason other than collision, such as fire, theft, vandalism or glass breakage. This coverage is not required by law, but may be required by a lien holder.

### SR-22 INSURANCE

“Future proof” is evidence that you will be able to pay for any damage to others if you are responsible for a future accident. It is required if you have failed to satisfy a judgment as explained

above or if your driving privilege is suspended or revoked for a violation of the motor vehicle laws. This proof must be maintained for **THREE YEARS** following the date of the suspension or revocation or, in the case of an unsatisfied judgment, three years from the date of reinstatement.

The most common way to file “future proof” is to furnish evidence that you are covered by an SR-22 automobile liability insurance policy.

You may obtain additional information on financial responsibility by contacting the Customer Service Section, Driver License Division. The telephone number is 801-965-4437.

### **Uninsured Motorist**

If a vehicle owner is convicted of driving without insurance, is suspended for driving without insurance, or is identified in the computer files as having no insurance, the Department of Motor Vehicles is required to revoke the vehicle registration unless insurance is purchased within 30 days.

**NOTE: The law states that ANY TIME anyone drives a motor vehicle, proof of insurance for the vehicle and/or the operator MUST BE IN THE VEHICLE and must be shown to any peace officer that asks to see it. It is acceptable for you to provide proof of insurance to a peace officer electronically using a mobile electronic device.**

## **RELEASE OF CRASH INFORMATION**

Crash reports are protected and may be released only as provided by the law. A report may be:

- Released to persons involved in the crash;
- Anyone they name as a representative;
- Parents or legal guardians;
- Their attorney;
- Insurance company;
- A licensed private investigator; or
- Media.

Information released to the news media is limited to:

- Name; and
- Age;
- Sex;
- City of residence;
- Make and model of vehicles;
- Whether or not the vehicles were insured; and
- The location and description of the crash.

**NOTE: If you are convicted for driving without insurance or driving without proof of insurance, you will be required to carry an SR-22 for three years and pay a \$30 reinstatement fee.**

## **IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A CRASH**

### **Stop Immediately**

You may be penalized severely for not remaining at the scene of a crash in which you are involved. Your driver license could be suspended or revoked for up to one year. In addition, you can receive a jail sentence of up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

### **Render Aid**

If possible, find someone trained in first aid. Until medical help arrives, you should avoid moving anyone who appears to be seriously injured unless such action is necessary to avoid further injury.

You are required to render to any person injured in the crash reasonable assistance, including transporting or making arrangements for transporting of the injured person to a physician or hospital for medical treatment if:

- It is apparent that treatment is necessary; or
- Transportation is requested by the injured person.

**NOTE: It is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony for a person to fail to stop at the scene of an injury crash.**

### **Traffic Clearance**

If the crash results in property damage only and there are no injuries, the law allows for the operator of the vehicle to move the vehicle as soon as possible off the roadway or freeway main lines, shoulders, medians, or adjacent areas to a location on the exit ramp, shoulder, a frontage road, the nearest suitable cross street, or other suitable location that does not obstruct traffic, and requires that the operator remain at that location until all other requirements are fulfilled.

### **Contact the Police**

If the crash results in injuries, death, or at least \$1500 in total property damage, you must notify the police, sheriff, or Highway Patrol as soon as possible. This rule applies to all types of crashes, regardless of whether another driver was involved. You may also be requested to provide insurance information to the Financial Responsibility Section, Driver License Division.

### **Exchange Information**

The following information must be exchanged between drivers or other persons involved in the crash:

- Your name and address;
- Vehicle registration number; and
- Your insurance information including agent or provider's name and phone number

If the owner of an unattended vehicle is not available or cannot be found, leave a note providing this information:

- Name and address of the driver of your vehicle; and
- Vehicle registration number of the vehicle that caused the crash

**NOTE: The operator of a vehicle that provides the information required to a police officer at the scene of the crash is exempt from providing the information to other persons involved.**

### **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. The Financial Security Act requires that your vehicle or you as a driver are insured.  
True or False
2. If you are required to carry SR-22 insurance, you must carry that insurance for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. Three
3. If involved in a crash, you must stop immediately.  
True or False

### Test Answers

1. True 2. C 3. True

## APPENDIX E

### SPECIAL SUBJECTS AND INTERESTS FOR DRIVER

#### This Section Covers

- Physical Health Problems and Driving Safety
- Mental and Emotional Conditions
- Review Examination
- Sample Test Questions

### PHYSICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND DRIVING SAFETY

In 1979, the Utah State Legislature made provisions for increasing highway safety and at the same time allowing many people with health concerns to drive within appropriate safety limits.

The law states that **individuals are personally responsible** to be sure they are in reasonably good health when they drive. If a person has a health condition which may affect their ability to safely drive a vehicle, they are responsible to report it to the Driver License Division and are expected to seek competent medical evaluation and advice. Their physicians are responsible to advise them about their health as it relates to driving safety. A physician does not have authority to restrict anyone's driving, but is responsible to report accurately about a patient's health status. This report may permit an unlimited license, one with restrictions or, in some cases, a denial of a license for safety reasons.

The Legislature also set up a Driver License Medical Advisory Board to advise physicians and the Driver License Division. The Board emphasizes functional ability to drive a vehicle safely, rather than stressing impairments. It developed a form, "Functional Ability Evaluation Medical Report," or "Guidelines" to help physician's advice their patients and simplify reporting.

The "**Guidelines**" include possible health concerns in the following twelve categories:

- A Diabetes and Metabolic Condition
- B Cardiovascular (Heart)
- C Pulmonary (Lung)
- D Neurological (Nervous System)
- E Epilepsy (Episodic Conditions)
- F Learning Memory
- G Psychiatric or Emotional Condition
- H Alcohol and Other Drugs
- I Vision
- J Musculoskeletal/Chronic Debility
- K Alertness or Sleep Disorders
- L Hearing and Balance

Applicants for a driver license will be asked to answer health-related questions. If there is a health concern, they will be given a Functional Ability Evaluation report form to take to their health care provider, who will complete a Functional Ability Safety Assessment.

The form is then returned to the Driver License Division and, if appropriate, a license to drive will be issued based upon previously determined levels of driving risk. For example, if there is a vision problem and the person cannot read highway signs at a distance, the individual may be considered safe to drive, but at reduced speeds, and a restricted license could then be issued.

If you have a health problem, you should ask your physician about how it might affect your driving. Many medications may cause drowsiness or other difficulties; therefore, a physician may advise against driving until a suitable dosage schedule has been worked out that will not impair driving. Abuse or excessive use of prescription drugs has caused many serious accidents and should be avoided. Individual drivers have the final responsibility for knowing their abilities and for driving safely.

The **“Guidelines”** require higher standards of fitness for drivers of commercial motor vehicles than for private vehicles, but the principles are the same.

### **Eye (Vision) Test**

The Division requires 20/40 vision and peripheral fields (side vision) of 90° in at least one eye to pass the vision test. If you fail to meet this standard with or without glasses, you will be required to get a statement from your eye doctor. The statement must be presented before your application can be completed. It should indicate specific vision problems and suggested restrictions, if any. A vision test is required on all applications processed in a field office. Everyone age 65 and older is required to pass a vision examination with every license application.

## **MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL CONDITIONS**

Mental and emotional conditions are just as important as physical health concerns. If your mind is not on your driving, you are probably not driving safely. Consider the following four points:

1. Some forms of behavior which often provide hints about our emotional and mental health are:
  - a. Finding that you are always mad at other drivers and sometimes try to “get even”;
  - b. Having a tendency to be excessively confused or frustrated when traffic becomes heavy;
  - c. Being so depressed and worried about things that your attention is not always on the road;
  - d. Finding that you are frequently getting traffic citations; or
  - e. Having trouble adjusting to an emotional shock such as the loss of a loved one.
2. If you are angry or excited, give yourself time to cool off. Take a walk or talk to a friend. Do anything, but stay off the road until you have cooled down.
3. If you are worried about something, do something that will allow you to concentrate on your driving. Listen to the radio or sing to yourself.

4. If you are impatient, give yourself extra time. If you leave a few minutes early, you will not feel the need to speed, beat traffic signals, or do other things that can get you a traffic citation or cause a crash.

## REVIEW EXAMINATION

Sometimes the Division will request that a driver appear for a review examination. The request for an evaluation may be based upon a request from:

- a Medical Professional; or
- by confidential reporting; or
- by a law enforcement officer who observed a driving situation which calls into question the driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle;
- from another individual or agency which indicates that the driver may be impaired; or
- have a medical condition which requires an assessment of the driver's functional ability to drive.

A review examination does not necessarily lead to the withdrawal of the driving privilege. In most cases, upon completion of the review process, a driver is allowed to drive under applicable restrictions if deemed safe by the Division. If an individual does not successfully complete a required review examination, the driving privilege will be withdrawn.

After the review examination has been completed, a hearing officer will discuss the results with the driver and will review the medical evaluation. The hearing officer will take into account:

- the driving needs of the individual;
- the type of roads or highways used;
- the traffic conditions usually experienced, etc.

The hearing officer will also refer to guidelines established by the Driver License Medical Advisory Board as they relate to the medical form provided by the driver the hearing officer will then decide whether any restrictions need to be place upon the driver license. Only when the Division determines that a driver cannot operate a vehicle safely under any conditions is the driver license withdrawn. Often no restrictions are required, but when they are, one or more of the restrictions listed in Section 3 are specified on the driver license.

**Remember, it is your responsibility to find out about and report mental or emotional problems, just as you must for physical problems.**

The Driver License Division staff will be happy to provide information about the medical guidelines as they apply to the licensing program. In some circumstances, it might be appropriate for the Medical Advisory Board to review a case.

## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. If you have a health problem, you should ask your physician about how it might affect your driving.  
True or False
2. Mental and emotional conditions are just as important as physical health concerns.  
True or False

### **Test Answers**

1. True 2. True



## APPENDIX F

### LICENSE REVOCATION & SUSPENSION, ALCOHOL, POINT SYSTEM, DRIVING RECORDS

#### This Section Covers

- License Revocations
- License Suspensions
- Driving and Using Alcohol or Drugs
- The Drinking Driver/Drug User
- Boating While Under the Influence
- Underage Drinking
- Alcohol-Restricted Driver
- Ignition Interlock Restricted Driver Suspension
- Utah Implied Consent Law
- Driving While Denied, Suspended, or Revoked
- Altered or Fictitious License
- Point System
- Point Distribution
- How to Clear Points From Your Record
- Driver's Record
- Sample Test Questions

Some drivers do not meet acceptable driving standards. The Driver License Division is here to help those drivers, if possible, and to take corrective action, if necessary. The Division also deals with cases of license fraud and alteration.

The various driver control programs are designed to result in improved driver attitude and performance. In most cases, the treatment programs are successful. However, some drivers are unable or unwilling to correct their bad habits. Those drivers can expect revocation, suspension, denial, or disqualification of their driving privileges.

### LICENSE REVOCATIONS

#### When your driving privilege will result in a mandatory revocation

Your driver license will be revoked if a court finds you guilty of any of the following:

- Manslaughter or negligent homicide while driving;
- A second or subsequent conviction for driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle or a motorboat while intoxicated or while any measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance is in your body (including prescribed medications);
- Making a false statement under oath when applying for a driver license;
- Using a motor vehicle to commit or facilitate a felony, including automobile homicide;
- Failure to stop and give aid if you are involved in a motor vehicle crash resulting in the death of, or personal injury to another;

- Two charges of reckless driving or impaired driving in one year. (The court may recommend that your license be suspended for three months on the first conviction.) Reckless driving is defined as operating a vehicle in a willful and/or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property;
- Attempting to flee or refusing to stop after receiving a visual or audible signal from a police officer;
- Discharging or allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle;
- Using, allowing the use of, or causing to be used any explosive, chemical or incendiary device from a vehicle;
- Driving with a measurable or detectable amount of alcohol in your system when you have an alcohol-restricted status;
- Driving a vehicle without an ignition interlock device installed when you have an ignition interlock restricted status;
- You have been convicted of careless driving and a judge has ordered revocation of your driver license. If you forfeit bail after being arrested, for one of the above, your driver license will be revoked/suspended as if you had appeared in court and been found guilty; or
- You have been convicted of automobile homicide using a handheld wireless communication device.

## **LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**

### **When your driving privilege will result in a mandatory suspension**

Your driver license may be suspended for as long as two (2) years or until your 21st birthday. Some reasons the Division may suspend your driving privilege are:

- You have been convicted of an offense for which mandatory suspension is required;
- By reckless or unlawful conduct, you have caused or contributed to a crash in which someone was injured or killed or which resulted in serious property damage;
- You are incompetent to drive, or have a mental or physical condition that would make you an unsafe driver;
- You have unlawfully or fraudulently used your license or permitted its use by someone else;
- You have refused to take or failed to pass a review examination as ordered by the Division;
- You have been convicted of sufficient traffic violations to be subject to the Division Point System;
- You have been arrested for DUI or been found guilty of any drug offense;
- You operated or permitted to be operated a motor vehicle owned by you without the required security;
- As a Utah driver, you failed to appear in court for a traffic violation when it occurred in Utah or in a Non-Resident Violator Compact member state, or you failed to satisfy fees, fines, or restitution to the court on any criminal charge;
- You failed to show proof of no-fault insurance or other security as required under the Utah Automobile No-Fault Insurance Act;
- You operated a vehicle or allowed a vehicle registered to you to be operated without required insurance or proof of financial responsibility;
- You failed to pay child support;

- You have been convicted for a texting violation or for stealing gas from a retail establishment and the judge has ordered suspension of your license;
- You are under the age of 21 and have used false or improper proof of age in order to obtain or consume alcohol, or gain admittance to a bar;
- You have been convicted for custodial interference; or
- You have been convicted for a violation related to approaching an emergency vehicle, and have failed to complete a four (4) hour live classroom course on driving safety offered by an approved entity.

## DRIVING AND USING ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

Driving after even one drink is asking for trouble. The bottom line is that when you drive after drinking, you are driving with impairment. After alcohol reaches your stomach, it enters the blood stream and goes to all parts of your body and reaches your brain in 20 to 40 minutes. Alcohol affects those parts of your brain that control your judgment and motor skills. The more you drink, the more trouble you will have judging distances, speeds, and the movement of other vehicles. You will also have much more difficulty controlling your own car.

**Remember, one of the most dangerous things about alcohol is that your judgement is the first thing to be impaired. It is a fact that over half of all drivers have driven after they have been drinking. Whether you drink all the time or never drink, you should know that somewhere down the road you will meet a driver who has been drinking.**

In recent years, drugs have become a problem with many drivers on the roads. The “drug addict” is not the only person causing a problem. Most of the drugs for headaches, colds, hay fever, allergies, or nerves can make you sleepy and affect your control of the vehicle. Be sure you know how any drugs or medication you take may affect your driving and ability to drive a vehicle safely on our highways.

Here are a few facts about drinking and the use of drugs that you should know:

- If your blood or breath alcohol concentration level is .08, the point of presumed intoxication in Utah, you are six times more likely to have a crash than if you are sober.
- Almost half of the crashes in which people are killed nationally involve drinking. There are more than 16,000 of those crashes each year.
- The average person is likely to be legally intoxicated after consuming three mixed drinks, three glasses of wine, or three cans of beer in one hour, and will stay drunk by having only one additional drink every hour.
- Drugs and alcohol should not be taken at the same time. Alcohol can have an unpredictable effect on drugs, which in turn, will react much differently in your body.
- If an officer requests you to take a test to see if you have alcohol or drugs in your system (including prescription medication) and you refuse to be tested, **your license may be revoked for 18 months for the first offense, and 36 months for a second or subsequent offense. If you are under the age of 21, the license will be revoked for either two (2) years for a first offense, or 36 months for a second offense; or until you reach the age of 21, whichever is longer.** This is called the **Utah Implied Consent Law.**
- Studies show that people who use marijuana:

- Make more driving mistakes;
- Are arrested for more traffic violations; and
- Are more likely to be bothered by headlight glare

## THE DRINKING DRIVER / DRUG USER

Too many people are killed in alcohol-related crashes each year in Utah, and many more are seriously or permanently injured. To help keep the drinking driver off the road, various laws have been enacted. These laws provide severe penalties for the intoxicated driver.

A driver is considered to be intoxicated if his/her blood or breath alcohol concentration is .08 or higher (the level is .04 for commercial motor vehicle operators – refer to the CDL manual for details regarding CDL disqualifications.) It is also a violation of the law to drive **if you are impaired to the degree that you are unsafe to drive a vehicle, even if your breath alcohol concentration is under .08.**

If you are convicted of, plead guilty to, or forfeit bail for driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle or a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, your punishment may be as much as six (6) months in jail and a fine.

Your license will be suspended for 120 days if 21 or older, or for one (1) year, or until you reach the age of 21, whichever is longer, on the first conviction if under the age of 21. Second and subsequent convictions will result in a two-year revocation or until you reach the age of 21, whichever is longer. A mandatory jail sentence or requirement to perform community service will be ordered upon conviction of driving under the influence.

A plea of “guilty” or “no contest” for a criminal charge of DUI that is held in abeyance by the court will not appear on the Motor Vehicle Report unless you hold a CDL license or were operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time you were cited. Although a plea held in abeyance for the DUI violation will not result in suspension or revocation of your regular operator privilege, it will result in the disqualification of your CDL privilege. In addition, the abeyance will be considered a “prior offense” in combination with any subsequent offenses. This law applies to the following convictions:

- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- Reckless driving; and
- Automobile homicide

Utah’s law also allows a peace officer to confiscate your Utah driver license upon arrest for driving under the influence and allows the Division to suspend your license beginning on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of arrest. The suspension period for a first offense is 120 days for a driver age 21 or over and six (6) months for a driver under the age of 21. The license will be suspended for a period of two (2) years or until you reached the age of 21, whichever is longer for a second or subsequent arrest.

You may receive similar fines and jail sentences for any additional convictions for drunk driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A repeat offender may also be found to be a habitual user of alcohol or drugs and be refused a driver license indefinitely or for life.

## BOATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

If you operate a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol, the same laws apply as if you were operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Your driver license will be suspended or revoked if you are convicted of DUI or alcohol-related reckless driving in a motorboat. If you are arrested for operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol, administrative action may be taken against your privilege to drive a motor vehicle, even if you are not convicted in court.

If you have been drinking any alcoholic beverages, don't take a chance. Let someone who has not been drinking alcoholic beverages do the driving.

**NOTE: It is unlawful in the State of Utah for a person to use or possess powdered alcohol for human consumption.**

## UNDERAGE DRINKING

An individual between the ages of 13 and 20 who is convicted in court for possession or consumption of alcohol or for being in a bar and being under age will have their driver license suspended for one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense as ordered by the court. If the court orders suspension for a driver under the age of 16, the suspension time will begin on the date of conviction and extend for one to two years from their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

THE "NOT A DROP" ACT provides that:

- A person under 21 years of age driving with **ANY MEASUREABLE AMOUNT** of alcohol in their body will have all driving privileges denied for a first offense for six (6) months.
- A second or subsequent offense within ten (10) years of a prior denial will result in loss of driving privileges for two years, or until they reach the age of 21, whichever is longer.
- An individual who has not yet been issued a license will be denied or suspended even though they have not yet obtained a license. The license will be denied for six (6) months for a first offense and for two years for a second or subsequent arrest if under the age of 21.

**NOTE: If you are suspended as a result of a Not-A-Drop arrest, you must also provide proof of successful completion of an alcohol assessment and any recommendations made by a substance abuse provider licensed by either the Department of Human Services or the Department of Health and approved by the local substance abuse authority before you will again be allowed driving privileges.**

## ALCOHOL-RESTRICTED DRIVER

When action is taken against a driving privilege for an alcohol-related offense, the driver is placed under an alcohol-restricted status for two (2), three (3), five (5), or ten (10) years depending on the number and type of offenses. A lifetime alcohol-restricted status will result when a driver is convicted for automobile homicide or a felony DUI.

The alcohol-restricted status begins on the effective date of revocation or suspension for DUI, alcohol-related reckless driving, impaired driving, automobile homicide, per se arrest, refusal to

submit to a chemical test, driving with alcohol in the body while on an alcohol restricted status, or driving without an ignition interlock device installed in the vehicle while on an ignition interlock restricted status.

Once a driver has reinstated his driving privilege following an applicable alcohol offense, the alcohol-restricted status remains in effect for the two (2), three (3), five (5), or ten (10) year period, or lifetime from the effective date of the original suspension or revocation action. Following reinstatement of the driving privilege, the driver will retain full driving privileges; however, if he/she is convicted of driving with any measurable amount of alcohol during the alcohol-restricted period, the driver license will be revoked for one (1) year.

## **IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED DRIVER SUSPENSION**

When you are an interlock restricted driver, your driving privilege will be suspended. The suspension may be reinstated by having an ignition interlock device (IID) installed in your vehicle and payment of the required reinstatement fee to the Driver License Division. If the ignition interlock device is removed from the vehicle prior to the ending date of your alcohol restricted driver restriction period, your driving privilege will be re-suspended.

For a list of certified ignition interlock system providers please visit: [dld.utah.gov/IIDproviderlist](http://dld.utah.gov/IIDproviderlist)

When an individual has been convicted of a first DUI, they are automatically restricted to driving a vehicle that has an IID installed for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of conviction or effective date of the license suspension, or three (3) years if they are under the age of 21 when they are arrested.

When an individual has been convicted of a second or subsequent DUI Impaired Driving, or Alcohol-Related Reckless Driving violation, or they have been revoked for refusal to submit to a chemical test after being arrested for driving under the influence, they are automatically restricted to driving a vehicle that has an IID installed for a period of three (3) years from the date of conviction or effective date of the revocation.

Felony DUI carries a six (6) year IID restriction, and automobile homicide carries a ten (10) year IID restriction.

If an individual drives a vehicle without an IID installed when they are restricted, the vehicle may be impounded.

In addition, the driver may be cited for violating the Interlock Restricted Driver (IRD) law. A conviction for violating the IRD law will result in a driver license revocation for a period of one (1) year and an additional three (3) year IID restriction from the date of conviction.

## **UTAH IMPLIED CONSENT LAW**

When you drive a vehicle or a motorboat in the State of Utah, it is implied that you will submit to a chemical test of your breath, blood, urine, or oral fluids to determine the alcohol or drug content, if asked to do so by a peace officer. This is called the **IMPLIED CONSENT LAW**.

Utah accepts the results of chemical tests to help determine whether an individual has been driving or in actual physical control of a vehicle or a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or both. If an officer arrests you for driving while in such a condition, you must submit to the chemical tests selected or designated by the officer.

**If you refuse to do so, your license will be revoked for 18 months for a first offense and 36 months for second or subsequent offenses.**

**If you are under the age of 21, the license will be revoked for either two (2) years for a first offense, or 36 months for a second offense; or until you reach the age of 21, whichever is longer.**

If asked to take any chemical tests, you may **not**:

- Choose which tests you will take; or
- Consult with an attorney or doctor before agreeing to take such tests

Any time your license is suspended/revoked for an alcohol-related offense, you may apply for a new license after the suspension/revocation period by paying a \$65 reinstatement fee and the regular license fee and by taking the required examinations. An additional \$230 administration fee may be required in some cases. If a driver does not do everything the court orders, the court will notify the Driver License Division, which will suspend the driver license until the driver has done all that the court ordered.

### **Impound of Vehicle**

If a driver is arrested for DUI, the officer may have the vehicle or motorboat impounded. If a vehicle is impounded, the DMV will notify the owner of the vehicle and provide information of what must be done to get the vehicle out of impound. The impounded vehicle will not be released to the owner until all requirements have been met and all fees and charges paid. Fees the owner must pay include towing, storage charges, and administrative costs. If an impounded vehicle is not claimed within the allowed time, it shall be sold.

**NOTE:** The court may order the arrested person to pay all fees associated with the impound or reimburse anyone who may have paid the fees.

**NOTE:** If a driver is convicted in court for a violation of DUI, driving with a controlled substance in the body, or automobile homicide, and was previously convicted for felony DUI, a felony drug related driving violation, or automobile homicide for a violation that occurred after May 1, 2009, and had their license suspended or revoked in connection with the violation, their impounded vehicle may be subject to criminal forfeiture, and may be sold.

### **DRIVING WHILE DENIED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED**

If you drive while your license is denied, suspended, or revoked you may be sentenced to jail for 90 days and be required to pay a fine.

Also, the length of time your license was originally denied, suspended, or revoked will be increased by the amount of the original time period. For example, if your license was originally suspended for three (3) months, an additional three (3) months would be added to your suspension. If your original suspension or revocation is based upon an alcohol-related offense, the fine may be up to

\$1000, and you may be imprisoned for up to six (6) months. If you drive while your license certificate is suspended or revoked for DUI, metabolite of a drug, automobile homicide, a violation of the alcohol restricted driver law or refusal to submit to a chemical test, your vehicle may be impounded.

## **ALTERED OR FICTITIOUS LICENSE**

It is unlawful to display a license which you know has been canceled, suspended, or altered. It is also illegal to alter a driver license. Either of these actions could result in your licensed being suspended.

## **POINT SYSTEM**

### **Over 21 Years of Age**

The point system is part of Utah's Driver Improvement Program. Points are assigned for specific types of violations. If you acquire 200 or more points within a three (3) year period, you will be asked to appear for a hearing. Based on the hearing, you may be placed on probation, requested to take the Defensive Driving Course, or have your driving privilege suspended. The suspension may be for three (3) months, six (6) months, or one (1) year, depending on your record.

### **Under 21 Years of Age**

Utah drivers under the age of 21 are subjected to a more stringent point system. An accumulation of 70 points or more within a three (3) year period may result in a hearing and a subsequent suspension or denial of driving privileges from 30 days up to one (1) year.

## **POINT DISTRIBUTION**

Reckless Driving	80
Speeding (Depending on Severity)	35-75
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way	60
Following too Closely (Tailgating)	60
Wrong side of Road	60
Wrong Way on One-Way Street	60
Red Light	50
Stop Sign	50
Improper Lookout	50
Improper Passing	50
Negligent Collision	50
Other Moving Violations	40

**NOTE: Except for speeding citations, points may vary plus or minus 10%, depending upon the recommendation of the court.**

## **HOW TO CLEAR POINTS FROM YOUR RECORD**

By driving safely, you can clear your own record. The point system provides that when you drive one (1) full year without being convicted of a moving traffic violation, half of the total points on your



record will be removed. If you drive two (2) successive years without a conviction, all points will be removed from your record. Points for individual convictions are automatically removed from your record three (3) years after the date of the violation.

As a further incentive, 50 points may be removed from your record upon completion of a defensive driving course recommended by the Division. This 50-point reduction will be permitted only once during any three (3) year period. For more information view the website for Utah Safety Council at: [utahsafetycouncil.org/defensive\\_driving/](http://utahsafetycouncil.org/defensive_driving/)

**NOTE: The Defensive Driving Course required to reduce 50 points from your driving record is different than Traffic School offered by some courts.**

## **DRIVER'S RECORD**

The Driver License Division maintains a computerized driving and crash record of every driver in the state. It contains a record of convictions for moving traffic violations and suspensions within the past three (3) years. All alcohol/drug-related violations, suspensions, and revocations remain on the record for ten (10) years. When a driver is convicted of a moving traffic violation, notice of the court action is sent to the Division for posting on the driver's record.

If you are a commercial driver, your driving record will be submitted to the Commercial Driver License Information System and a record of suspensions and revocations will be forwarded to the National Driver Register.

## **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. You may cut your points in half if you driver one year without a citation.  
True or False
2. It is against the law to drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 or greater.  
True or False

Test Answers

1. True 2. True

## **APPENDIX G**

### **REGISTRATION, INSPECTION AND EQUIPMENT**

#### **This Section Covers**

- What Vehicles Must Be Registered?
- Who Must Register Their Vehicles?
- When Registering a Vehicle In Utah
- Registration, Plates, and/or Decals
- Registration Renewal
- Safety Inspection and Equipment
- Does My Vehicle Need Emissions or Safety Inspections
- Inspection Checklist
- Required Equipment
- Equipment Your Vehicle Must Not Have
- Automobile Theft Prevention
- Sample Test Questions

**In Utah the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) handles vehicle, vessel, and aircraft registration, while driver licenses and ID's are handled through the Driver License Division (DLD.)**

#### **WHAT VEHICLES MUST BE REGISTERED?**

Cars, Watercraft, Trucks, Off-highway vehicles, Trailers, Snowmobiles, Campers, Aircraft, Motorcycles, Low speed electric vehicles, and Street Legal ATV's.

Trailers weighing less than 750 pounds when empty and not used for commercial purposes are not required to be registered. However, any trailer may be registered for the resident's convenience.

#### **WHO MUST REGISTER THEIR VEHICLES?**

Utah residents must register any of the above vehicles for use in the state.

Non-residents using their watercraft in Utah for more than 60 days per year must register in Utah.

Non-residents using their off-highway vehicle or snowmobile in Utah pay an annual user fee to the Division of Parks and Recreation. Upon payment of the \$30 fee, a user receives a decal for display on the off-highway vehicle or snowmobile. Decals are available from Parks and Recreation or their authorized agents.

Exceptions: Non-resident students who pay non-resident tuition, certain military personnel, temporary workers, and individuals temporarily in Utah engaged in public or charitable service may be exempt from registering vehicles in Utah.

## WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE IN UTAH

The following items must be taken to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV):

- **Most Recent Registration** – regardless in which state your vehicle was last registered, you must take the most recent registration to the DMV.
- **Title** – If your vehicle title is held by an out-of-state lien holder or leasing company, your vehicle will be registered in Utah, but it will not be titled. Be sure to present your current registration.
  - If your vehicle is leased, you must present the power of attorney form and Utah sales tax number provided by your leasing company and FEIN number which authorizes you to register the vehicle on behalf of the leasing company.
  - If there is more than one owner, the signature of only one of the owners is required on the application for a new Utah title.
  - All motorized boats, sailboats, or Jet Skis used on Utah waters must be registered, but are titled only if they are 1985 or newer. In all cases, you must present your current registration and title.
  - All off-road vehicles and snowmobiles used on public lands must be registered, but are titled only if 1988 or newer. In all cases, your current registration and title must be provided when you register your vehicle.
  - Campers and aircraft are registered, but are not titled. Your most recent registration and any other available ownership documents must be presented at the time of registration.
- **Utah Safety Inspection Certificate** – vehicles with **model years four, eight, and ten years old** require a safety inspection. Vehicles with model years **ten years old and older** must pass safety inspections **every year**. Vehicles that are registered at 10,001 pounds or more must have a safety inspection every year regardless of vehicle model year. A safety inspection may be made no more than two months prior to the renewal of the registration. You must have your current registration at the time of inspection.
  - You should present your current registration or proof of ownership at the time of inspection. If repair work is required in order to pass inspection, you may choose where to have the work completed. Required repairs must be completed within 15 days, after which the inspection station is required to recheck the vehicle at no additional costs.

**For additional information about safety inspections, please contact Utah Highway Patrol at 801-965-4461.**

- **Utah Emission Certificates** – as a prerequisite for registration, emission certificates are required in Davis, Cache, Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber counties and are valid to use in registering your vehicle for two (2) months. All 1968 or newer model gas-powered cars and trucks in these counties must have an emissions test which can be completed at most service stations. Emissions certificates in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber counties for gas-powered cars and trucks are required every other year for vehicles less than six (6) years old.
  - Vehicles in this category that have even-numbered model years must have an emission test in even-numbered years, and vehicles with odd-numbered model

years must have an emission test in odd-numbered years. Vehicles with model years six (6) years old and older (to 1968) must have an emissions test each year.

- Farm trucks may apply for an exemption from emissions with their County Health Departments. Emission testing for diesel vehicles is required in Davis County and Salt Lake County requires emission testing on diesel vehicles that are under 26,000 lbs and of a model year 1998 and newer. For additional information about emission tests and requirements, contact one of the following Environment Health Offices:

Davis County	801-525-5100
Salt Lake County	385-468-3837
Utah County	801-851-7600
Weber County	801-399-7140
Cache County	435-792-6500

- **Serial Number (VIN) Inspections** – inspection of identification numbers are required for all vehicles or watercraft being titled/registered for the first time in Utah. Safety inspection certificates are an accepted means of verification for cars, trucks, and motorcycles, providing that the VIN is accurate on the safety inspection certificate. Trailers, watercraft, off-highway vehicles, and snowmobiles require separate VIN or HIN inspections which can be completed by a peace officer, a qualified Utah safety inspection station, a Utah licensed dealer or DMV employee.
- **Property Tax Clearance** – all vehicles in Utah are subject to either an age-based fee or uniform fee of 1.5 or 1.0 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle. The appropriate fee must be paid when you register your vehicle or watercraft.
- **Application for Registration/Title** – to register and title in Utah for the first time, an Application for Utah Title must be completed and required documentation provided. Required documentation may include a vehicle title, a bill of sale, odometer statement, a previous registration and safety and emission certificates.

## REGISTRATION, PLATES AND/OR DECALS

License plates and/or decals will be issued to you upon completion of the registration process. All license plates are issued to the owner of the vehicle and should be returned to a motor vehicle office when the vehicle is sold.

The registration issued to you will expire on the last day of the month, one year from the date of issue. If you move, it is very important that you submit an address correction in writing to the DMV, by email at [dmv.utah.gov](mailto:dmv.utah.gov), or through Utah's Motor Vehicle Portal at [mvp.tax.utah.gov](http://mvp.tax.utah.gov). This will enable DMV to send your renewal notice to the correct address.

## REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Vehicle registration renewals may be completed through a number of options. DMV will mail a renewal reminder notice to the address on record for your vehicle. This notice will contain all of the

information necessary to renew your vehicle registration. Follow the instructions provided for safety and/or emission inspections to obtain the required certificates.

**Then you may complete your registration renewal by:**

- **Internet** – online at [renewalexpress.utah.gov](http://renewalexpress.utah.gov) To renew online it will be necessary for you to have any applicable safety and/or emissions certificate numbers. You will print a temporary registration to place in your vehicle and the permanent registration and decal will be mailed to you. Please allow ten (10) days for processing.
- **OTS (On The Spot) stations** – On The Spot authorized renewal stations are emission and/or safety inspection stations that offer one-stop inspection and registration renewal services. They are authorized by the Utah Division of Motor Vehicles to renew your vehicle, and issue a decal with an updated registration. An additional fee may apply for this service. It is not required that you obtain an inspection to complete your renewal at an OTS station.
- **Mail** – enclose payment with the renewal form, safety and/or emission certificates and mail to DMV. Please allow ten (10) days for processing.
- **DMV Office** – if you are renewing your registration in person, follow the instructions provided in the mail notice regarding safety and emission inspections requirements and present the certificates at the office.

For more information, call 1-800-DMV-UTAH or visit their website at: [dmv.utah.gov](http://dmv.utah.gov)

## **SAFETY INSPECTION AND EQUIPMENT**

It is illegal to drive any vehicle which is in unsafe condition or which does not have the equipment required by law. In addition, the owner of such a vehicle shall not knowingly allow it to be driven. You have the responsibility to maintain your vehicle in a safe operating condition. You must also verify the safety of your vehicle once every two years if the vehicle model year is less than eight (8) years old, every year once the vehicle model year is more than eight (8) years old, and every year for a truck registered at 10,001 pounds or greater by submitting the vehicle to an approved inspection. The main purpose of the safety inspection program is to minimize or eliminate vehicle defects and prevent unsafe vehicles from operating on Utah roads and highways. The need for an annual inspection also increases your awareness of the steps which result in a quality inspection.

**NOTE: The Division of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke a registered vehicle's registration if they are notified that the registered vehicle is unable to meet state or local air emissions standards.**

## **DOES MY VEHICLE NEED EMISSIONS OR SAFETY INSPECTIONS?**

Using the following chart you may check to see if your vehicle is required to have emissions or safety inspection, or both depending on the year of your vehicle.

<b>2016 Safety Inspection Requirements</b>	
<b>Vehicle Model Year</b>	<b>Safety Inspection</b>
<b>2016 - 2013</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>Required in 2016</b>
<b>2011 - 2009</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Required in 2016</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2006 and older</b>	<b>Required in 2016</b>

<b>2016 Emission Inspection Requirements</b>	
<b>Vehicle Model Year</b>	<b>Emission Inspection</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>Required in 2016</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>Required in 2016</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2010 to 1968</b>	<b>Required in 2016</b>
<b>1967 and older</b>	<b>Not required</b>

#### **2016 Cache County Emissions Requirements**

<b>2016 Cache County Emission Inspection Requirements</b>	
<b>Vehicle Model Year</b>	<b>Emission Inspection</b>
<b>2016 – 2011</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>2010 – 1969</b>	<b>Biennial</b>
<b>1968 and older</b>	<b>Not required</b>

### **INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

The following information is intended to help you determine whether or not your vehicle has been properly inspected. Keep this checklist in the glove compartment of your vehicle and refer to it each time you have your vehicle inspected.

## **Brakes**

**Visual inspection** – remove at least one front wheel and one rear wheel. Measure the brake linings or pads to be sure they are over 2/32" thick at the thinnest point. There should be no missing or loose rivets. Rotors and drums must not be turned beyond the specifications established by the manufacturer. Check wheel cylinders, brake lines, and hoses. There should be no leakage. Parking brakes must function properly.

**Computerized Plate Brake Inspection** – vehicles using the computerized brake inspection procedure do not have wheels pulled to measure lining thickness. The computerized test measures the braking efficiency of each wheel to determine compliance with the manufacturer's specifications for the original equipment. This in no way releases the vehicle owner from periodic brake checks for brake pad thickness. The owner may request for all wheels to be pulled at no further expense.

## **Tires**

Inspect all tires for tire wear. Measures tread depth to be sure they are at least 2/32". Inspect the tires for cuts and cracks that expose the tire cord.

## **Exhaust System**

Check the exhaust system for leakage in any part of the system, including the mufflers, tailpipes, and all connections. Tailpipes must extend beyond the side or rear of the vehicle body.

## **Steering**

The steering system must be checked for excessive play. Too much play could indicate problems with tie rods, tie rod ends, idler arms, or other steering components. Ball joints must not have movement in them that exceeds the manufacturer's specifications.

## **Headlights**

Headlights must operate properly, including the high beams. They must be properly and securely mounted and be aimed to specifications. Non-clear headlight covers are not authorized.

## **Tail Lights, Stop Lights, and Turn Signals**

All lamps must operate properly, lenses may not be broken, and must be the proper color for the location. Turn signals must operate properly. Rear window brake light must operate properly and may not have any window tint covering the light. Taillight covers are not authorized.

## **Windshields/Windows**

Your windshield will not pass inspection when there is any damage within the "acute area" larger than one inch (1") in diameter, a size equal to a quarter coin.

The "acute area" on the windshield is defined by measuring six inches (6") down from the top of the windshield, and six inches (6") up from the bottom of the windshield, and horizontally, by measuring six inches (6") from both the right and left side of the windshield. Windshields may not be tinted below four (4) inches from the top or below that AS-1 line. Driver side/passenger side windows may not be tinted below 43% light transmittance.

### Windshield Wipers

The wipers must operate properly and be capable of clearing the windshield adequately.

### Mirrors

All vehicles are required to have two rear view mirrors; a left outside mirror, and either an interior center-mounted mirror or a right outside mirror. If the side windows or rear window are tinted or obscured, the vehicle must have outside mirrors on both the left and right sides. Rear view mirrors must provide a clear view of the highway at least 200 feet to the rear.

### Fuel System

The fuel system must be securely fastened to the vehicle and there must be no leakage in the system.

### Muffler

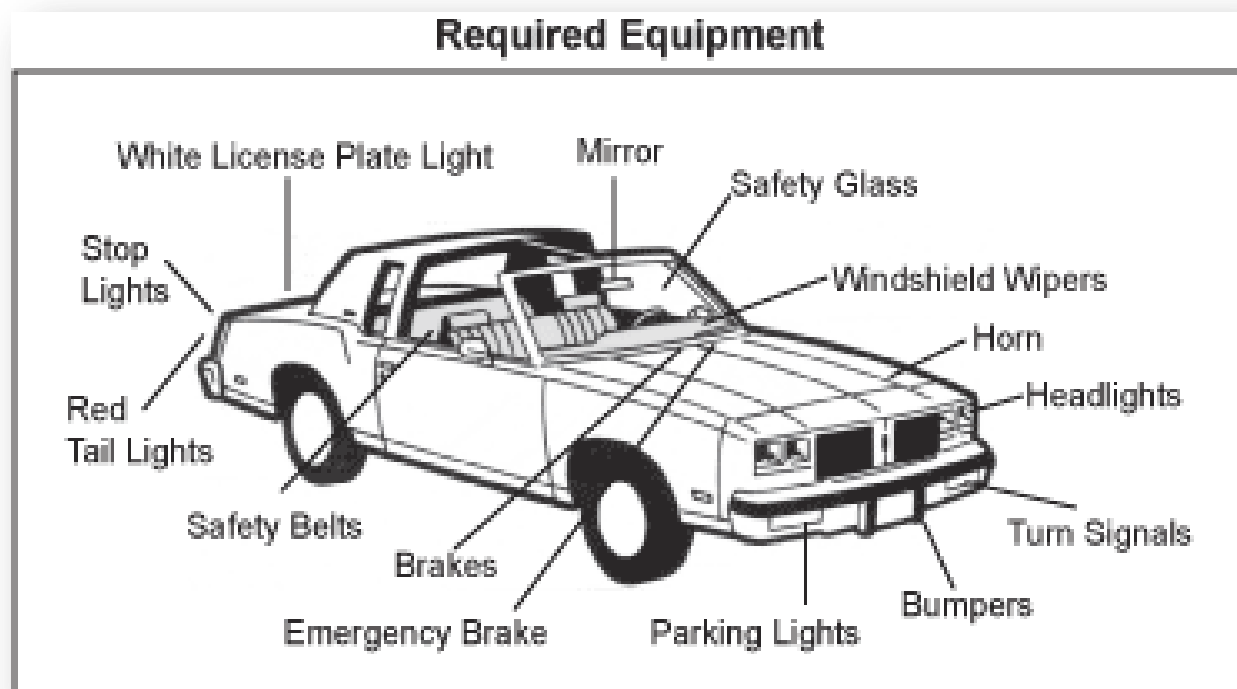
A muffler must be on the exhaust system to prevent excessive noise.

### Safety Glass

Safety glass is required equipment for all car windows and windshields.

All equipment must meet the legal standards for the particular device. If the equipment on your vehicle is in such a condition as to be a menace to your safety and the safety of others, or if the equipment on your vehicle is in violation of the law, the registration of your vehicle may be suspended

**NOTE: All registered vehicles must have proof of insurance IN THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES. It is also acceptable for you to provide proof of insurance to a peace officer electronically using a mobile electronic device.**





## EQUIPMENT YOUR VEHICLE MUST NOT HAVE

The following items and equipment are not allowed to be mounted on your vehicle:

- Any red or blue light showing toward the front;
- Any siren, bell, or whistle;
- A muffler cutout;
- More than two fog lights;
- More than two extra driving lights; and
- More than two fender lights.

After-market sun screening devices are not approved for use in Utah. Window tint materials must comply with Utah law. The front windows to the immediate left and right of the driver must allow no less than 43% light transmittance. All windows behind the driver do not have any window tint limits. No vehicle may have any windows covered by or treated with a material which presents a metallic or mirrored appearance when viewed from the outside of the vehicle. Vehicles with window tint on the rear window of the vehicle must be equipped with an outside mirror on each side of the vehicle. If the window tint is on the rear window, the center high mounted brake light cannot be covered.

In addition, no vehicle may be mechanically altered or chassis changed up or down beyond state statute.

For additional information on Safety Inspections, visit [dmv.utah.gov/register/inspections](http://dmv.utah.gov/register/inspections)

## AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION

The Automobile Safety Foundation has made the following recommendations to vehicle owners regarding steering lock operation for automobile theft prevention:

- **The Transmission Park System**
  - Park. Shift the transmission into the “park” position, turn key to LOCK, and remove.
- **The Two Handed Button System**
  - Park. This system requires two hands, depress button below the steering column, turn key to LOCK, and remove.
- **The Lever System**
  - Park. Depress lever located near the ignition, turn key to LOCK, and remove.
- **One Hand Button System**
  - Park. Depress button located near the ignition. Turn key to LOCK and remove.
- **The Push In System**
  - Park. Turn key to OFF, push in, turn key to LOCK, and remove.
- **The Turn and Remove System**
  - Park. Turn key to LOCK, and remove.

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### **SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS**

1. Your vehicle may not have any red or blue lights towards the front.  
True or False
2. The tires on your vehicle must have at least 2/32" of tread.  
True or False
3. Trailers weighing less than 750 pounds when empty and not used for commercial purposes are not required to be registered.  
True or False

#### Test Answers

1. True 2. True 3. True

## APPENDIX H

### INFORMATION FOR RV'S AND LARGE VEHICLES

#### This Section Covers

- Sharing the Road With Trucks and Large Vehicles
- Size and Weight Regulations
- Posting of Registered Gross Laden Weight
- Equipment
- Driving Rules
- Convoys, Caravans and Motorcades
- Tire Fires
- General Fire Information
- Clearances
- Cold Weather and Your Brakes
- Sample Test Questions

### SHARING THE ROAD WITH TRUCKS AND LARGE VEHICLES

It may sound obvious, but trucks are not large cars. To reduce the chance of a crash with a large tractor-trailer, the so-called “18-wheeler,” motorists must be familiar with a truck’s physical capabilities and common maneuvers. According to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 71 percent of fatal crashes involving two or more vehicles—in which one is a truck—are caused by the other vehicle, usually a car.

#### Braking

Tractor-trailers take longer to stop than a car traveling at the same speed. The average passenger car traveling at 55 mph can stop in about 130-140 feet, less than half the length of a football field. A fully-loaded tractor-trailer may take more than 400 feet to come to a complete stop, or one-third more than the length of a football field.

#### Turning

With any turning vehicle, the rear wheels follow a shorter path than the front wheels. The longer the vehicle, the greater the difference. That’s why the drivers of tractor-trailers must often swing out to the left as the first step in making a right turn. When following a tractor-trailer, observe its turn signals before trying to pass. If it appears to be starting a left turn, wait a moment to check and see which way the driver is going to turn before passing on the right.

#### A Trucker’s Blind Spots

It is important to be seen whenever you are driving. Many motorists falsely assume that truckers can see the road better because they sit twice as high as the driver of a car. While truckers do enjoy a better forward view and have bigger mirrors, they still have **SERIOUS BLIND SPOTS** into which a car can disappear from view — **UP TO 20 FEET IN FRONT OF THE CAB, ON EITHER SIDE OF THE TRACTOR TRAILER, PARTICULARLY ALONGSIDE THE CAB, AND UP TO 200 FEET IN THE REAR.**

Motorists lingering in blind spots on the sides or at the rear of large trucks hamper the truckers’ ability to take evasive action to avoid dangerous situations — thus increasing the possibility of a

crash. An excellent rule of thumb for motorists sharing the road with a tractor-trailer is, “if you can’t see the truck driver in his side mirror, he can’t see you.”

### **Maneuverability**

Trucks are designed to carry products to and from towns and cities; they are not designed to be as maneuverable as cars. Trucks have longer stopping and accelerating distances, wider turning area, and weigh more. On multi-lane highways tractor-trailers stay in the center lane to help the flow of local traffic on and off the highway. Staying in the middle lane also increases a truck driver’s options if he or she has to switch lanes in order to avoid a dangerous situation or a crash.

Listed below are common mistakes motorists must avoid when driving around trucks:

- Cutting off a truck in traffic or on the highway to reach your exit or turn. Cutting into the open space in front of a truck removes the truck driver’s cushion of safety. Trying to beat a truck to a single-lane construction zone represents a particularly dangerous situation. Take a moment to slow down and exit behind a truck—it takes only a few extra seconds and can avoid causing a crash.
- Don’t linger alongside a truck when passing. Always pass a tractor-trailer completely and always on the left side. If you linger when passing, your position makes it impossible for the trucker to take evasive action if an obstacle appears in the road ahead.
- Following too close or tailgating. When following behind a truck, if you can’t see the truck driver’s rear view mirrors, there is no way the truck driver can see you. Tailgating a truck or car is dangerous because you take away your own cushion of safety if the vehicle in front of you stops suddenly — and if the vehicle you are following hits something in the road, you will have no time to react before it hits your car.
- Never underestimate the size and speed of an approaching tractor-trailer. Because of its large size, a tractor-trailer often appears to be traveling at a slower speed than it is. A substantial number of car-truck collisions take place at intersections because the driver of the car does not realize how close the truck is or how quickly it is approaching.

## **SIZE AND WEIGHT REGULATIONS**

It is illegal to move any vehicle which exceeds the legal size, and weight limits on any highway, except with a special permit. This chapter describes some of those limits. Remember, no local authority has the power to alter these limitations.

### **Width**

No vehicle shall have a total outside width, including load, of more than 8-1/2 feet. One exception to this rule is farm tractors. Their width may not exceed 9 feet. In addition, farm machinery may move short distances upon the highway, regardless of their size, if they are actually engaged in farm operations.

### **Height**

No vehicle shall exceed a height of 14 feet, including any load that may be carried.

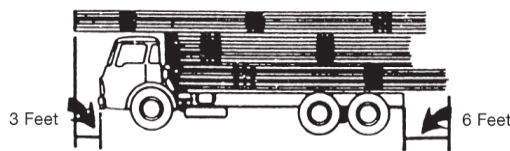
### Length

No single vehicle, except for fire-fighting equipment, shall exceed an overall length of 45 feet, including the front and rear bumpers. A truck tractor coupled to a semi-trailer or trailers is considered to be two vehicles.

**NOTE: All other combinations of vehicles, with or without a load, (such as a motor home pulling a boat) may not exceed a total length of 65 feet.**

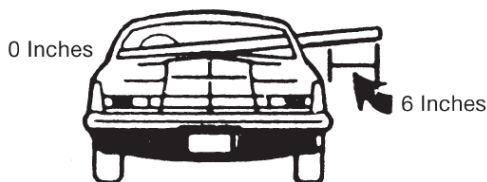
### Loads Projecting to the Front and Rear

No train of vehicles or single vehicle shall carry a load extending more than three feet to the front, nor more than six feet to the rear of the body of the vehicle. Requirements for placement of flags, if required, are listed later in this chapter.



### Loads Projecting to the Sides

No vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, may carry any load extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of the vehicle nor extending more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the right side of the vehicle. Requirements for lighting and flagging loads that project beyond the sides or ends of a vehicle are discussed later in this chapter.



## POSTING OF REGISTERED GROSS LADEN WEIGHT

The Utah State Tax Commission requires that every vehicle registered for 16,001 pounds or more have the weight for which it is registered displayed upon both the left and right sides of the vehicle. This can be done with paint, stencil, or decals. The information must be in letters not less than two inches high and placed in a location that is easily seen.

## EQUIPMENT

The following list will serve as a handy guide to Utah's equipment regulations.

(An \* indicates equipment required for ALL motor vehicles.)

### \*Headlights

All vehicles, except motorcycles, must have at least two operational headlights (one on each side) which are white in color and can shine 350 feet on high beam and 100 feet on low beam. All vehicles must have a high beam indicator light.

### **\*Tail & Stop Lights**

Vehicles must have two red tail/stop lights mounted on the rear of the vehicle. The lights must be visible from 500 feet to the rear in normal sunlight. One tail/stop light is permissible on motorcycles and certain vehicles manufactured prior to 1956.

### **\*Turn Signals**

Two red, yellow or amber lights must be mounted on the rear of the vehicle and two white, yellow or amber lights must be mounted on the front of each vehicle. These lights must be visible from 100 feet in normal sunlight. Turn signals are not required on vehicles manufactured before 1953, if the vehicle is less than 80 inches wide.

### **\*Parking Lights**

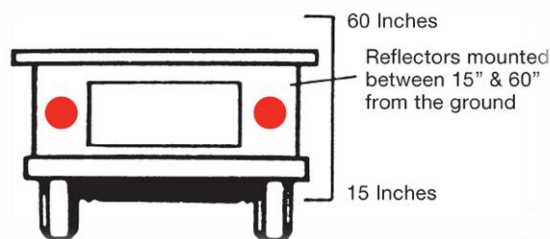
One or more white or amber colored lights are to be mounted on the front of each vehicle.

### **\*License Plate Light**

All vehicles will have one white light mounted on the rear of the vehicle so that the license number may be clearly read at a distance of at least 50 feet. This light may be part of the tail lamp assembly.

### **\*Reflectors**

Vehicles must have one amber reflector on each side of the vehicle located at or near the front, and one red reflector on each side located at or near the rear of the vehicle. The reflectors must be visible from 500 feet at night and must be placed not less than 15 inches nor more than 60 inches above the ground. If the highest part of the permanent structure is less than 15 inches, the reflectors must be mounted as high as possible.



Vehicles with an overall length of 30 feet or more must have one amber reflector on each side of the vehicle located at or near the center of each side. The visibility and height requirements are the same.

### **Clearance Lights**

Buses, RV's, and trailers 80 inches or more in width must have two amber lights on the front and one on each side. Two red lights are required on the rear and one on each side at the rear. Lights must be visible from 500 feet at night.

### **Side Mark Lights**

Buses, recreational vehicles, and trailers 80 inches or more in width must have two side markers on each side (amber in front and red at the rear.) The lights must be visible at night from 500 feet to the side.

### **\*Flags and Lights for Extending Loads**

Each vehicle which carries a load extending four feet or more beyond the bed or body of the vehicle must display two flags or lights located on the rear of the load.

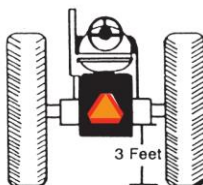
The flags may be used during daytime only and must be at least 12 inches square. Lights are for use during nighttime and must be visible for at least 500 feet. Some loads may also require red reflectors in addition to the lights.

### **Red or Blue Lights Visible From the Front**

Red or blue lights that are visible from the front of a vehicle may not be used except by emergency, school, snow removal, or other authorized vehicles.

### **Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem**

All vehicles limited to speeds of 25 mph or less must display the approved red and orange emblem. The emblem should be placed at least three feet above the ground and as near as possible to the rear center of the vehicle.



### **\*Brakes**

All motor vehicles must have brakes which meet federal standards on all wheels. An exception to the law is any truck or truck tractor with three or more axles, which must have brakes on all wheels except the front wheels.

**NOTE: If your vehicle is equipped with ABS brakes, it is not necessary to pump them when braking in slippery situation, apply constant and firm pressure and your vehicle will make a smooth, safe stop.**

**NOTE: Consult the Utah Highway Patrol or the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for brake requirements on trailers.**

### **\*Parking Brake**

All vehicles, except motorcycles, must be equipped with one functional parking brake.

### **\*Horn**

All motor vehicles must have one functioning horn which must be heard under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet.

### **\*Windshield**

A windshield is required on all vehicles except motorcycles.

### **\*Windshield Wipers**

All vehicles with windshields must have at least one wiper adequate enough to clean rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield. If your vehicle was originally equipped with two windshield wipers, both must function properly. A wiper system with two or more speeds is required on all vehicles manufactured after 1967.

### **Sirens, Whistles, and Bells**

Only authorized emergency vehicles may be equipped with sirens, whistles, or bells.

### **Safety Chains or Cables**

All towed vehicles, in addition to regular hitches or couplings, must have one chain or cable strong enough to prevent the vehicles from separating.

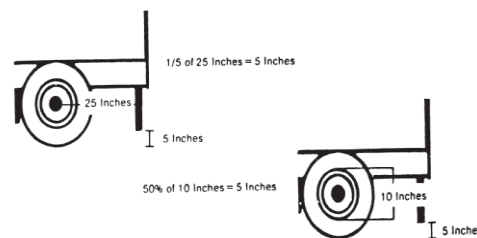
### **Pollution Control Devices**

Owners of vehicles equipped by the manufacturer with pollution control devices are required to keep and maintain the equipment as effective as the original equipment.

**NOTE: This law does not apply to vehicles altered to use propane, if the emissions meet all existing standards.**

### **Mud Flaps or Guards**

Any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,500 pounds or more, any vehicle with altered suspension or tire size, or any trailer with an unladed weight of 750 pounds or more shall be equipped with wheel covers, mudguards, flaps, or splash aprons behind the rearmost wheels. The flaps or guards must be at least as wide as the tires and made of metal or flexible material which will prevent most road materials from being thrown into the windshield of any following vehicle. The ground clearance must not be more than 50% of the diameter of the wheel that is on the rearmost axle, nor more than one-fifth the distance from the center of the diameter of the rearmost axle to the flaps (see illustration below.)



### **Flares, Reflectors, Electric Lights, and Flags**

Trucks, truck tractors, and buses must have three flares, portable red emergency reflectors, or red electric lights and two red flags with standards.

Emergency flares, reflectors, and lights must be capable of being seen and distinguished at a distance of not less than 600 feet. Flares must be capable of burning for twelve hours. Fuses must meet the New York Bureau of Explosives Standards and burn for at least 15 minutes. Vehicles transporting explosive or flammable materials may not use flares or fuses.



## Fire Extinguisher

Although fire extinguishers are not required for all vehicles, it is recommended that all drivers carry at least one. By stopping a fire in its early stages, you can avoid expensive property loss and prevent an extremely hazardous condition. Fire extinguishers, however, are not effective unless handled properly.

## DRIVING RULES



### Towing Vehicles

On occasion, you may be called upon to tow another vehicle. In this situation there are only three rules to remember:

- The draw-bar or other connections between any tow vehicles may not exceed 15 feet in length from one vehicle to the other;
- When a connection consists of a chain, rope, or cable, there shall be a red flag or other signal attached to the connecting device. The flag shall be no smaller than 12 inches square (one foot square); and
- No person shall operate a train of vehicles when any trailer or other vehicle being towed whips or swerves dangerously or unreasonably from side to side



### Placement of Warning

### Devices

On occasion, your vehicle may break down on the road. It is important to know when and how to place the flares, flags, lights, etc. Warning devices must be displayed any time your vehicle is at least 80 inches wide or 30 feet long, and is disabled or stopped along the road for more than ten minutes. The warning devices are not required if you are:

- Legally parked in an urban district;
- Lawfully picking up or letting off passengers;
- Stopped to avoid conflict with other traffic; or
- Complying with directions from a police officer or an official traffic control device

Two simple steps for placing warning devices in emergency situations are:

- Immediately place a flare, lighted fuse, electric lantern, or emergency reflector to the side of the vehicle (in the direction of the nearest oncoming traffic); and
- Next, place flares, electric lights, or reflectors 100 feet to the front and rear of the vehicle. Also place a warning device on the traffic side of, and not less than 10 feet from, the rear of your vehicle

**REMEMBER, FLARES AND FUSEES MAY NOT BE CARRIED IN VEHICLES TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR COMPRESSED GAS.**

Listed below are a few additional points you need to know about the placement of warning devices:

- On a one-way street, the rear flag should be placed 200 feet to the rear;
- Warning devices need not be displayed if there is sufficient light to reveal persons or vehicles from 1,000 feet; and
- If your vehicle breaks down within 500 feet of a curve, hilltop, or something else that obstructs a clear view, the warning device in that direction shall be placed far enough away to give ample warning to approaching motorists. The warning device, however, may not be placed more than 500 feet away from the vehicle nor closer than 100 feet to the vehicle

**NOTE: All warning devices must be placed in the center of the lane in which your vehicle is stopped. If your vehicle is entirely off the road, place the devices on the shoulder of the road as close as possible to the road surface.**

### **Safe Use of Flares and Fuses**

Warning devices such as flares and fuses are meant as safety aids. Do not let them become a safety liability. Careful and safe use of these devices involves:

- Keeping the lighted end well away from your face and eyes. Fuses, especially, can cause bad burns;
- Not attaching any flare or fuse to your vehicle. Not only is this a very dangerous action, but it is also illegal; and
- Keeping the burning flares or fuses away from fuel leakages and spills

## **CONVOYS, CARAVANS AND MOTORCADES**

If you are part of a convoy, caravan, or motorcade, you must allow sufficient space between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you for an overtaking vehicle to pass you and safely occupy that space. You should always maintain a safe following distance, whether you are part of a procession or not.

## **TIRE FIRES**

Tire fires can be a serious problem for drivers. The best way to avoid this problem is to prevent it in the first place. The following hints are a few things you can do to decrease the chance of having a tire fire:

- Check tires and brakes frequently for unusual heat. If any tires are soft or flat, change them;
- Never drive for an extended period of time on a soft or flat tire or with a brake that is dragging. These situations can result in heat buildup and cause a tire fire;
- Never ignore a tire that is hot. Either stay with the vehicle until the tire is cool or change it;
- Remember to always release your parking brake before moving the vehicle; and
- Remain alert for potential problems from:
  - Brakes that are dragging or overheated;
  - Leaking oil seals that may splash oil on a hot tire; or
  - Dual tires that are partially deflated. When this condition exists, your odds for a fire are very high

If a tire fire does occur, the following actions will help:

- A large supply of water is probably the best remedy for a tire fire. If possible, get to a fire station for assistance.
- Fire extinguishers are usually not very effective for this type of fire. Shoveling dirt on the tire can sometimes retard the fire enough for you to get the tire off.
- If you cannot get the tire off, try driving until the tire burns off of the rim or until you reach a good source of water. This alternative is certainly better than just waiting. If you just sit and wait, your vehicle will probably burn up.
- As a last resort, drop your trailer. By doing that, you will at least save one of the units.

## **GENERAL FIRE INFORMATION**

Not all fires will be tire fires and you need to be prepared for them when they do occur. Some general hints include:

- Do not waste the contents of your fire extinguisher. The contents are limited, so take careful aim and make every burst count;
- Fight fires with the wind at your back. If you are using an extinguisher, your efforts will be more effective and you will avoid having poisonous or caustic gases blown into your face; and
- Be familiar with different types of fires. For example, fighting a gasoline or oil fire with water will only spread the fire

## **CLEARANCES**

As you drive, you need to be aware of the increased height, width, and length of your vehicle. Bridges, tunnels, and overhanging trees that were no problems when you were driving your car can be a definite safety hazard when driving a larger vehicle. Some precautions you can take include:

- Knowing the dimensions of your vehicle. Squeezing through a tight place is risky. In those instances in which your clearance is less than six inches, be safe and slow down. Hazards such as rough roads might cause you to bounce into a low ceiling or swerve into a close wall;
- Being aware that some bridges and tunnels are not made for a car and a truck to pass through at the same time. If you have any doubts, let the other vehicle go through first; and
- Keeping an eye out for fire escapes, low hanging tree limbs, and filling station canopies. Be especially alert when you bring your vehicle in for a test drive. A few of the driver license offices have canopies that are prime targets for unaware drivers.

## **COLD WEATHER AND YOUR BRAKES**

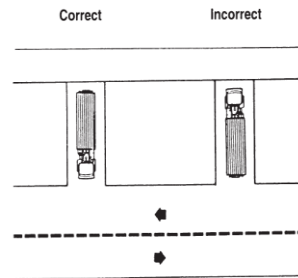
In freezing weather a number of things can happen to your brakes:

- They may be completely ineffective for several hundred feet, then suddenly grab as the friction dries out the brakes;
- All moving parts can freeze solid resulting in the complete loss of brakes; or
- The brakes may not release once they are applied

To help prevent problems from occurring, lightly touch your brakes occasionally.

### **Backing**

One final safety tip involves backing. When backing, you should use a guide if at all possible. Even if a guide is available, you should get out of your vehicle and look the area over before you begin to back. Never back an RV or any large vehicle into traffic. Rather, make sure that you initially park as shown on the next page.



### SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. All towed vehicles, in addition to regular hitches or couplings, must have one chain or cable strong enough to prevent the vehicles from separating.  
True or False
2. Emergency flares, reflectors, and lights must be capable of being seen and distinguished at a distance of not less than 600 feet.  
True or False

### Test Answers

1. True 2. True

# APPENDIX I

## BICYCLES

### This Section Covers

- Bicycles
- Sharing the Road with Bicyclists
- Riding Rules
- Turning
- Equipment
- Tips for Bicyclists
- In-Line Skates, Scooters, Skateboards
- Motor Assisted Scooters
- Sample Test Questions

## BICYCLES

Bicycle riders on public streets and highways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers. Drivers of motor vehicles must treat bicycle riders the same as drivers of other vehicles. Bicyclists are not out of place on the roadway - they are part of the traffic and share the road with other drivers. They must obey stop signs, traffic lights, and most other traffic laws and signs. Special care must be used near bicyclists because any collision with them may result in serious injury. This means that automobile drivers must leave safe passing room and must not turn so close to a bicyclist that he/she is in danger of being hit.

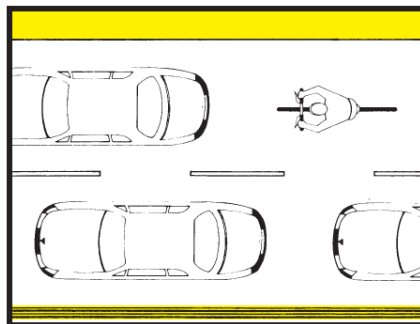
Although bicyclists will normally ride near the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, they can legally move left to turn left, to pass a vehicle or another bicycle, or to avoid debris or parked cars. Expect any of these moves by bicyclists in a regular traffic lane. The relatively small size of bicycles makes it difficult for drivers to see them in traffic. Parked cars or other roadside objects may limit the ability of both the bicyclist and the motorist to see each other. Drivers need to remember that a bicyclist is hampered by road hazards that may not be easily noticed by drivers of cars and trucks. Hazards that could cause problems for a bicyclist include potholes, glass, litter, storm grates and railroad crossings, as well as opened doors of parked vehicles. Any of these items could cause a bike rider to move into your path or to slow down.

You should give bicyclists plenty of clearance on the street so they will have room to maneuver around these types of hazards. Utah law requires a minimum three (3) feet of distance from any bicyclist or vulnerable user of the highway you are passing.

Bicyclists must use reasonable care and keep a constant lookout for other vehicles in traffic. However, some bicyclists are less experienced than others, and their actions will be less predictable. Look for signs that may tell you when a bicyclist is inexperienced, such as whether the bicycle rider is riding in a smooth and straight manner or is weaving and wobbling.

Children on bicycles can create some special problems. They cannot see things out of the corner of their eyes as well as adults can. Therefore, even though children glance toward you, they may not actually see you before they pull out in front of you. They also have trouble judging the speed and

distance of oncoming cars and they lack a sense of danger. They believe that adults will look out for them. Be aware that their actions could be very unpredictable.



## SHARING THE ROAD WITH BICYCLISTS

Motorists should take the following precautions when sharing the road with bicyclists:

- Do not drive in a bicycle lane except when making a turn, entering or leaving an alley, private road or driveway, or when you need to cross the bicycle lane to park near the curb. Do not park in a bicycle lane. Dedicated bicycle lanes are marked with solid white lines.
- When changing lanes or making turns, check for bicyclists in your blind spot.
- You must yield to bicycles in a bicycle lane or on a sidewalk prior to turning across the lane or sidewalk.
- At intersections, you must yield to bicycle riders on the road, the same as for other types of vehicles.
- Do not crowd bicyclists. When the lane is too narrow to pass a cyclist safely, wait until the next lane is clear and give the bicycle all the rights of any other slow moving vehicle.
- Pass a bicycle in the same manner you would a car.
- The operator of a motor vehicle may not knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly drive a motor vehicle within three feet of a moving bicycle, unless the vehicle driver drives the motor vehicle within a reasonable and safe distance of the bicycle. If a bicycle is traveling at less than reasonable speed, you may drive in a center lane that is a two-way left turn lane if the center lane is on a roadway divided into three or more lanes that provides for two-way movement of traffic.
- Dim your headlights within 500 feet when approaching or overtaking bicyclists at night. The bike rider could be blinded by the glare.
- If parked at a curb, do not open a door on the traffic side of your vehicle without looking for other vehicles, including bicycles.
- Do not honk or yell at a bicyclist except in an emergency. The loud noise could startle the bicycle rider and cause him/her to spill the bike. There may be good reason for the bicyclist to be riding in the travel lane, such as roadway hazards not clear to motorists.
- **BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL AROUND CHILDREN RIDING BICYCLES.**
- Be aware that riders cannot always hear approaching vehicles. Passing closely and rapidly can startle bicycle riders.
- Over 39,000 bicyclists are killed or injured in the United States every year. Bicyclists have the same rights on the road as cars. Be cautious and courteous when you approach someone on a bicycle.

## RIDING RULES

Bicyclists must ride with the flow of traffic and as near to the right side of the road or street as is safe and practical. On a one-way street in a city, a bike rider may ride as near as possible to either the right or left side of the street or roadway.

There are some exceptions to the above rule, such as when a bicyclist is overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle or when a bicyclist is getting ready to make a left turn. A bike rider should ride in the middle of the traffic lane if the lane is too narrow to let a bicycle and vehicle travel side-by-side or if riding close to the edge of the roadway is unsafe because of parked vehicles, fixed or moving objects, animals, or road surface hazards. When lane width permits, bicyclists may ride two abreast.

When riding upon a sidewalk or in a crosswalk, bicyclists have all the rights and duties applicable to pedestrians under the same circumstances. When riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk bike riders must ride slowly, **must yield the right-of-way** to any pedestrian, and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

Individuals riding a bicycle may not attach it or themselves to any moving vehicle upon a street or highway.

A bicycle may not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his/her person in a backpack or sling. There are trailers and child seats specifically designed for bicycles which provide good security for the children and would be less cumbersome for the rider. The Utah Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians **STRONGLY** recommends the use of approved bicycle carriers or trailers for young children when they ride with adults. It is recommended that all children and adults always wear a helmet when on a bicycle. The force of impact of a person's head hitting the ground from a non-moving bicycle is 12 mph.

Bicycle riders may not carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the use of both hands in the control and operation of the bicycle.

**BICYCLISTS MUST KEEP AT LEAST ONE HAND ON THE HANDLEBARS AT ALL TIMES.**

## TURNING

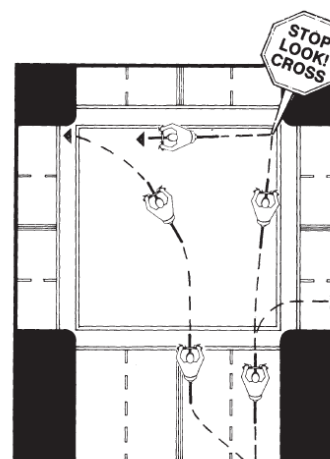
Bicyclists **must signal** at any time when turning right or left or when changing lanes. Signals are to be given using the standard hand and arm signals.

The signal shall be given for at least the last 100 feet before turning. A signal by hand and arm does not need to be given continuously if the hand is needed to control or operate the bike. However, the bicyclist must let other drivers know what the bicyclist intends to do.



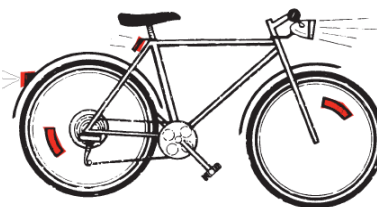
Note: When turning left, a bike rider can either turn from the left lane or the left-turn lane, or can continue in the right lane across the intersection, stop, turn left, wait for the signal to turn green and then continue to travel with the normal flow of traffic.

Note: An operator of a motorcycle, moped, or bicycle who 16 years of age or older, may after bringing the vehicle to a complete stop at the intersection or stop line and determines that the traffic-control signal has not detected the operator's presence by waiting a reasonable period of time and not less than 90 seconds at the intersection or stop line may proceed across the roadway if there is no other vehicles or pedestrians near the intersection.



## EQUIPMENT

- **Sirens** – a bicycle must NOT be equipped with any siren or whistle.
- **Brakes** – every bicycle will be equipped with a brake or brake system which enables the rider to stop the bike within 25 feet from a speed of 10 mph.
- **Lights** – every bicycle used upon the streets and highways between the periods one-half hour **after** sunset and one-half hour **before** sunrise must be equipped with a forward facing **lamp on the front** which emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front.
  - Each bicycle operated on the streets and highways during the period one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise must also be equipped with a rear facing **red reflector and red bicycle tail light** that emits a flashing or non-flashing light, which is visible for 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.
  - Every bicycle, when used during the above period, must also be equipped with reflective material of sufficient size and reflectivity to be visible from **both sides** for 500 feet when directly in front of lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.
- **Helmets** – every bicyclist should always wear a CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) approved bicycle helmet when riding, which greatly improves the chances of surviving a crash.



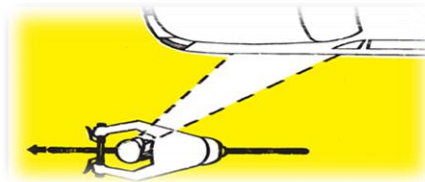


## TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- **Obey traffic signs and signals** – bicyclists must drive like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists.
- **Never ride against traffic** – motorists do not look for or expect bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the roadway.
- **Use hand signals** – hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self-protection.
- **Ride in a straight line** – whenever possible, ride in a straight line and to the right of traffic but about the width of a car door away from parked cars.
- **Follow lane markings** – do not turn left from the right lane. Do not go straight in a lane marked for right turns only.
- **Passing on the right** – as a general rule, it is not safe to pass on the right side of vehicles in traffic at intersections. You may drive off the roadway to pass a vehicle on the right when you are sure the vehicle you are passing is making or preparing to make a left turn, or traveling straight ahead.

**Caution: Motorists turning right may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.**

- **Watch for cars pulling out** – even though you make eye contact with drivers, you must assume that they do not see you and may pull out in front of you.
- **Scan the road behind you** – learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving left. Some riders use rear-view mirrors.
- **Keep both hands ready to brake** – you may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain or on wet surfaces because brakes are less effective when wet.



It is also important to know that there are steps that you should take as a pedestrian or bicyclist to stay alive.

## IN-LINE SKATES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDERS

- Follow the same rules as pedestrians;
- Protect your head—wear a helmet. Do not ride at dusk or at night;
- Never ride in traffic;
- Ride on sidewalks, driveways, in parks, and in parking lots (where permitted); and
- Yield to other pedestrians on sidewalks

## MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS

- Follow the same rules as a bicycle, moped, or motorcycle;
- A person under the age of **15** may **NOT** operate a motor-assisted scooter unless the person is under the direct supervision of the person's parent or guardian; and
- A person may **not** operate a motor assisted scooter:
  - In a public parking structure;
  - On public property posted as an area prohibiting skateboards;
  - On a highway with four (4) or more lanes; or
  - On a highway with a posted speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour

## SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. Bicyclists must keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all time.  
True or False
2. Utah law requires a minimum three (3) feet of distance from any bicyclist or vulnerable user of the highway you are passing.  
True or False

### Test Answers

1. True 2. True

## APPENDIX J

### This Section Covers

- Your Car and Clean Air
- Sample Test Questions

## YOUR CAR AND CLEAN AIR

### What You Can Do To Reduce Pollution

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has prepared this fact sheet to answer some of the most common questions about reducing emissions from private vehicles. This is an important concern, as cars are a major source of air pollution in the United States. Vehicle emissions contribute to health and environmental problems such as urban smog, air toxics, and global warming. Yet individual driving habits make a big difference in the amount of pollution a car produces.

Three easy things you can do to help keep emissions as low as possible are:

- Avoid unnecessary driving;
- Maintain your car properly; and
- Drive your car wisely

By combining these strategies, you can very effectively reduce the amount your car pollutes. And there are additional benefits — your car will last longer and you will save money.

### Avoid Unnecessary Driving

The most effective way to reduce emissions from your vehicle is to use it less. Vehicle travel in this country is doubling every 20 years. Several options are available to help you reduce the amount you drive. These include:

- consolidating trips;
- Telecommuting;
- Carpooling;
- Using public transit; and
- Choosing clean transportation alternatives such as biking or walking.

By planning errands, you will get the most out of time you do spend behind the wheel. For example:

- Call ahead to confirm that the product you need is in stock before you drive to the store;
- Plan to do several tasks when you go somewhere;
- Drive to a central location and park;
- walk between nearby destinations;
- Ridesharing can be an ideal way to reduce your personal contribution to pollution;
- Every time you share a ride and eliminate a trip, you help the environment; and
- Try pairing up for trips to work or to social events — even an occasional carpool or ride on public transportation will make a difference

Biking or walking to your destination creates no pollution at all. And you'll increase your fitness level at the same time.

### **Maintain Your Car Properly**

You will reduce your car's emissions and enhance its performance if you follow the manufacturer's recommended maintenance guidelines. By taking proper care of your car, you will also extend its life, increase its resale value, and optimize its "gas mileage" or fuel economy. The owner's manual that comes with your car contains a wealth of information.

Every car has some items that need to be checked on a regular basis and others that need to be replaced periodically. These include:

- The air filter;
- Vacuum and coolant hoses;
- Oil;
- Oil filter; and
- Fluids, belts, and so on

It's also important to keep the tires inflated to the recommended pressure. This will minimize tire wear and help your car get the best possible fuel economy.

Be sure to have your car serviced by a skilled technician who understands modern emission control systems. The type of simple adjustments that once occurred during tune-ups will no longer correct the problem. Finally, be aware that pollution will increase dramatically if you tamper with your car's emission control system or use leaded gasoline in a vehicle designed for unleaded gasoline. These activities are illegal — for individual vehicle owners as well as for fleet operators and auto technicians. Fortunately, such fuel-switching practices are becoming increasingly rare as leaded gasoline becomes harder to find. It is now illegal to manufacture or sell new vehicles requiring leaded gasoline. Sale of motor vehicle gasoline containing lead or lead additives was prohibited in the United States beginning January 1, 1996. Many drivers ask about use of "premium" or "super" grade gasoline's. These fuels contain additives to increase octane. Octane is a measure of how much a fuel can be compressed in an engine before it spontaneously combusts. It is not a measure of fuel power or quality.

### **Drive Wisely: Helpful Habits to Reduce Pollution**

Even a perfectly maintained car will pollute more than necessary if it is driven carelessly. Your car's emissions will be lower if you apply common sense to your driving and follow basic rules of the road. Driving situations likely to increase pollution include:

- **Idling** —you will save gas by turning the engine off and restarting it again if you expect to idle for more than 30 seconds. You will also prevent pollution by avoiding long idles. Try parking your car and going into restaurants, banks, and the like instead of idling in drive-up lanes.
- **Stop and Go Driving** — driving in traffic is not always avoidable. But whenever possible, plan trips outside rush hour and peak traffic periods. Try to "smooth" your driving by accelerating and decelerating gradually, anticipating stops and starts for traffic lights, changing traffic speeds, and so on.
- **Air Conditioning** — use of a vehicle air conditioner increases load on the engine. This can increase emissions and decrease fuel economy. Try opening the window or the fresh air vent to cool the inside of your vehicle. Also, park in the shade if you can to prevent your vehicle from heating up in the sun. Besides keeping the interior temperature of your car

more comfortable, you will lessen the pollution and waste that occurs when gasoline evaporates from the engine and gas tank.

- **High Engine Loads** – your car burns more gas and emits more pollution when the engine is operating under high load; that is, when it is working especially hard. Extra load is created by running the air conditioner, quick accelerations, high-speed driving, climbing grades, revving the engine, and carrying extra weight.
- **Cold Temperatures** – emission control systems take longer to warm up and become fully operational in cold weather. However, idling will not help. Modern vehicles need little warm-up; they're most efficient when being driven. Idling for long periods in cold weather can actually cause excessive engine wear.
- **Refueling** – spilled gasoline pollutes the air when it evaporates. Watch what you do at the gas station to prevent spills and overfills. It's best to avoid "topping off," especially in hot weather. Apply the same precautions against sloppy handling when refueling outdoor power equipment such as lawnmowers and outboard motors.

### For More Information

Visit The United States Environmental Protection Agency at [epa.gov](http://epa.gov) or locally at Utah Department of Environmental Quality at [deq.utah.gov](http://deq.utah.gov)

### Sample Test Questions

1. Topping of the gas tank is a good way to avoid spilling gas on the ground.  
True or False
2. You should make a habit of checking the \_\_\_\_\_ on a regular basis.
  - a. Air Filter
  - b. Oil Filter
  - c. Both of the above
3. Walking is a good way to reduce air pollution.  
True or False

### Test Answers

1. False 2. c 3. True

## **APPENDIX K**

### **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

#### **This Section Covers**

- **Slow Down, Be Aware, and Alert**
- **When You Are Driving**
- **Important Pedestrian Stats**
- **Sample Test Questions**

#### **Slow Down, Be Aware, and Alert**

Drivers play a key role in keeping pedestrians and bicyclists safe on our roads. Pedestrians and bicyclists are much more vulnerable than people in vehicles.

Drive like you would want people to drive around you and your family. Slow down when you see pedestrians or cyclists or when visibility is reduced, such as in bad weather or when it's dark. Understand that higher speeds lead to greater injuries to pedestrians and cyclists. Recognize that you are driving through our community and your choices can have significant impacts on other people's lives.

#### **WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING**

##### **DO**

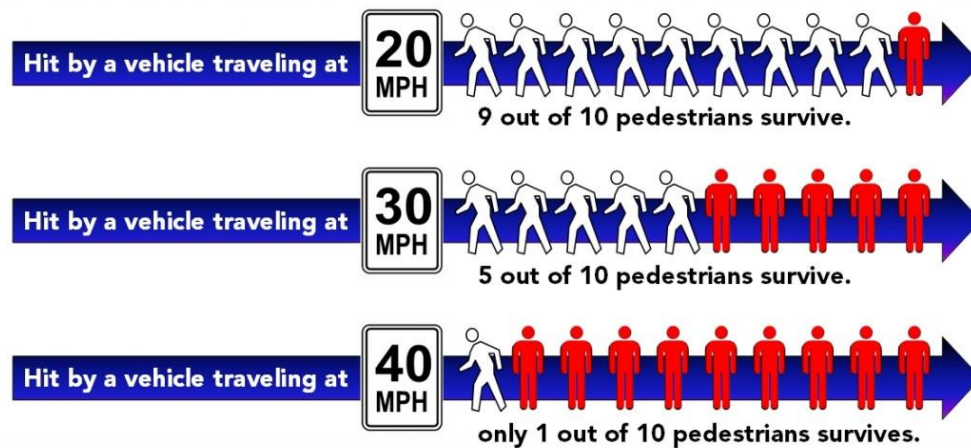
- Drive the way you want people to drive around you and your family.
- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
  - Take extra care when turning, look twice for pedestrians.
  - Many pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes happen when vehicles are turning.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime, early morning or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Always follow all traffic laws, including speed limits.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop before the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they stop too.
- Be extra cautious when backing up – pedestrians can move into your path.

##### **DON'T**

- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk – there may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never assume the right of way
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

## IMPORTANT PEDESTRIAN STATS

- The leading pedestrian contributing factors in deaths in 2014 were:
  - not visible (16%)
  - failure to obey sign/signal (14%)
- The leading driver contributing factors in pedestrian deaths in 2014 were:
  - speed (14%)
  - hit and run (14%)



Information courtesy of [peds.org](http://peds.org)

## Sample Test Questions

1. When you are driving, you should:
  - A. drive the way you want people to drive around you and your family.
  - B. use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see weather.
  - C. both of the above.
2. When you are driving, you should:
  - A. never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.
  - B. never assume the right of way.
  - C. both of the above.
3. When driving, you should:
  - A. always follow all the traffic laws, including speed limits.
  - B. never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
  - C. both of the above.

## Test Answers

1. c 2. c 3. c.



## FIELD OFFICES WHERE YOU MAY APPLY AND TAKE EXAMINATIONS FOR A DRIVER LICENSE

We recommend that an individual contact our Customer Service Section at 801-965-4437 or Toll Free Number: 888-353-4224 regarding office hours, closures or visit our website at [dld.utah.gov](http://dld.utah.gov)

**Beaver**  
105 East Center Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
(part time office)

**Blanding**  
151 East 500 North  
(part time office)

**Brigham City**  
285 West 1100 South  
(full time office)

**Cedar City**  
91 East Canyon Commercial Avenue  
(full time office)

**Delta**  
#58 East Main St #2  
(part time office)

**Dixie**  
102 South 5300 West, Hurricane  
(full time office)

**Ephraim**  
#10 West 1<sup>st</sup> South  
(part time office)

**Fairpark**  
1095 West Motor Avenue  
(full time office)

**Farmington**  
631 North Lagoon Drive  
(full time office)

**Fillmore**  
55 West 100 North  
(part time office)

**Heber**  
69 North 600 West  
(full time office)

**Kanab**  
468 East 300 South  
(part time office)

**Logan**  
110 East 700 South  
(full time office)

**Moab**  
1165 South HWY 191, Suite 8  
(part time office)

**Nephi**  
1143 East Highway 132  
(part time office)

**Ogden**  
615 East 5300 South South Ogden  
(full time office)

**Orem**  
759 North 1370 West  
(full time office)

**Panguitch**  
55 South Main Street basement  
(part time office)

**Price**  
940 South Carbon Avenue, Suite B  
(full time office)

**Richfield**  
1160 South Highway 118  
(full time office)

**Roosevelt**  
30 West 425 South  
(part time office)

**South Valley**  
14555 South Minuteman Drive, Draper  
(full time office)

**Tooele**  
1929 North Aaron Drive, Suite G  
(full time office)

**Vernal**  
230 South 1000 East  
(part time office)

**West Valley**  
2780 West 4700 South  
(full time office)

**Provo**  
Utah Community Credit Union Bldg  
1503 South 40 East Suite 250  
Provo, Utah  
(full time office)

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